Betty Layward Primary School
Year 6 Class Newsletter
Spring 2 2017

We would like to welcome all of the students back after a restful half-term break.

We are full-steam ahead with our learning this half-term and as always, time is precious!

Students will benefit from consistent revision of mathematics facts and reading a wide range of texts at home.

If you would like to make an appoint to see us, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

We will see you all at Parent's Evening on Thursday 16th March 2017.

Jason, Helen, Warren, Cath, Juliette & Shabana

For this half term our topic continues:

Crime and Punishment

Reading

It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.

It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY.

After reading it is important for children to be asked questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding, inference and deduction. For them to understand why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect the punctuation has had on the piece. It's also great if they can start selecting WOW words. These are exciting and adventurous words which will feed directly into their writing. It is also important for children to select books and read independently.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Trips

Stoke Newington Bookshop during the week of 20th March. No additional arrangements to be made.

During the Spring term there will be booster classes to help prepare the children for the SATs in May.

Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

www.history.org.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/history
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize
www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk
www.studyladder.co.uk

Announcements

This half term we look forward to seeing all of you at parents evening to discuss the success of our children in Year 6 on Thursday 16th March. Reminder that school closes this day at 1:45pm. To book visit:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code

Code: fmppx

PE:

P.E will take place on Thursday for both Ruby and Chilli for the whole afternoon.

It is essential that your child has their kit each week. For reasons of Health and Safety, pupils will not be able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their PE kit.

Computing

We will be:

- Exploring the concept of animation, stop-motion and design by creating our own 'Stop Motion Animations' on iPads.
- Learning to upload and download files using 'cloud' based applications.
- Exploring e-safety and personal privacy online.

Science

We will be:

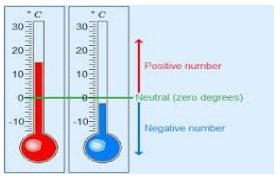
- Continuing our learning on the eye, light, shadow and colour.
- Conducting experiments using light sources and exploring the anatomy of the eye.

Literacy

We will be:

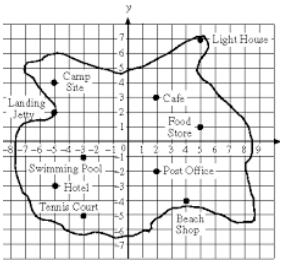
- **Writing film reviews following the study of 'Inside-Out' by Disney Pixar.**
- **We will be writing persuasive texts exploring animal conservation in Africa.**
- **Writing narratives using technologies on World Book Day.**
- **Continuing to focus on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.**

Numeracy



We will be:

- **Applying the formula to find volume in 3D shapes.**
- **Solving problems involving negative numbers.**
- **Exploring Co-ordinates: All four quadrants.**
- **Gap analysis: SATs practice.**
- **Exploring Mean, Median, Mode and Range.**



How can I improve my writing EVERY day?

Religious Education

We will be :

- Exploring the traditions involved in the religious festival of Lent & Easter.

PSHE

We will be:

- Continuing our 'Philosophy for Children' program. Exploring rich questions and higher -order thinking.

Spanish

We will be:

- Learning to talk about Easter & Spring

Music & Singing

- Learning about popular music with Barney and Mel.

Homework

Your child will receive three pieces of homework per week. A spelling & handwriting homework. One related to Maths and one to English. Please help them with this at home.