

## Reminders

### WATER BOTTLES

Please remind your child to bring in a water bottle, which should be taken home at the end of each day.

### OUR P.E. DAY IS WEDNESDAY

All children will need to **bring their PE kit** including a **change of footwear**.

## Dates For the Term

**Year 6 trip to Suntrap Forest Education Centre:**  
Monday 27th November 2017

**Assessment week:**  
Week beginning 4th December 2017

**Key Stage 2 Pantomime—Aladdin:**  
Tuesday 12th December 2017

**Key Stage 2 Disco:**  
Thursday 14th December 2017

**Christmas Carol Concert:**  
Tuesday 19th December 2017

**The last day of term:**  
Wednesday 20th December 2017 (school finishes at 12:30)

# Buxton School



Year 6



## parent Newsletter

Welcome back for the second half of our Autumn term. As ever, there are lots of really interesting learning opportunities planned for the next few weeks and we are sure that the children will continue to work hard in order to take advantage of them.

We are studying an exciting new theme this half term: **SPACE EXPLORERS**. Exploring the mysteries and wonders of the universe, we will be extending the children's learning using Science, Computing, Design and Art.

Also this half term, we are looking forward to another trip to Suntrap Forest Education Centre during which the children will be given plenty of hands-on opportunities to enhance their understanding of the Science curriculum. This trip will be taking place on Monday 27th November and a letter will be sent home soon.

The SATs exams are scheduled for May so we continue to work towards them and appreciate all of your support. To ensure that your child is as prepared as possible, they should be reading at home for at least 20 minutes every night and using their reading journals to deepen their understanding. Times tables must also be practised regularly and weekly homework completed promptly so that children can consolidate the skills they have been taught in class.

## Curriculum

Over the next half term, we will be covering the following:

**Literacy**— We are reading *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce and will be using this as inspiration to produce our own explanation texts about space suits as well as some persuasive writing.

**Numeracy**— Securing our understanding of place value including decimals and negative numbers, reviewing methods for all four operations, identifying and creating patterns in numbers, using units of measurement and converting between them, collecting, using and presenting data, solving multi-step word problems and understanding fractions and percentages.

We will be following the **International Primary Curriculum (IPC)** to ensure coverage of other subjects. The IPC has been developed to help children connect their learning to where they live now as well as looking at the learning from the perspective of other people in other countries. We will be learning about the following:

**Science**— Space

**History**— The development of astronomy.

**ICT**— Computer coding.

**Art & DT**— Alien landscapes.

**PSHE**— New beginnings and how to resolve conflict.

**RE**— Christianity and the World

**PE**— Dance, gymnastics and games delivered by PE specialists.

**Music**— Music related sessions delivered by our music specialist.

## Homework

**Maths and literacy homework is given out every Friday and is to be returned by the following Wednesday to your child's literacy and maths teachers.**

**Children should also aim to read for at least 20 minutes per night.** Please read with them when you can and make sure that they are using their reading journals to practise a range of skills and develop their comprehension.

**All children have also been provided with their own individual logins for Times Table Rockstars.** This online software enables children to practice their multiplication skills in a fun and engaging way. They are able to compete against the clock to improve their speed or even to play against friends. Prizes are awarded to our top players each week so please remind your children to make the most of this valuable tool in order to develop this vital skill.

## Our Targets

### Reading

To 'read between the lines' for hidden meanings in texts and discuss these by giving supporting evidence in the text.

To use clues within the text to make informed predictions.

### Writing

To use a variety of sentence structures to make writing varied, interesting and effective.

To use a thesaurus and dictionary effectively to edit our work.

### Maths

To know my times tables up to 12 x 12

To apply the four operations to fractions.

To apply knowledge of fractions to word problems.

## Behaviour:

As you are aware the school operates a 'Good to be Green' Behaviour policy, we have adopted a 5 step system which we believe will assist pupils in making correct choices. These are:

**Gold-** Pupils will be rewarded for demonstrating exceptional behaviour in and out of school

**Green** – It's good to be green – we expect our pupils to stay on green with positive behaviour (we will ensure regular rewards are evident to those that achieve this).

**Yellow** – Verbal warning

**Orange** – Time with class teacher for not following clear warning

**Red** – A 10 minute reflection time that will take place at lunchtime.

**Pupils will be rewarded for their positive behaviour with half termly rewards. Parents/carers will be informed of the details nearer the time.**