

Buxton School



Year 6



parent Newsletter

Welcome back for the Summer term. We hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for the challenges of the next half term, especially SATs Week which commences on Monday 8th May!

Over the next few weeks, most of our attention will be focused on ensuring that the children are as prepared as possible for this pivotal week. We will be revising and practicing test techniques so it is vital that everyone is here promptly each day ready to learn.

Outside of assessments, we will be continuing with our Science-focused topic: **Being Human**. We will learn how the heart works, how we can look after it and the effects that various activities have upon it. We will also investigate and research a global health problem.

Booster clubs and Saturday school will continue right up until SATs Week so if your child has been invited, we appreciate your help and support in ensuring that they attend.

Curriculum

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

Literacy— We will be revising all of the skills required to be successful in the Reading and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling tests. We will practice answering questions against the clock and familiarising ourselves with past SATs papers so that we know what to expect in May, all the while continuing to learn and practise different spelling rules.

We will also continue reading Malorie Blackman's *Pig Heart Boy*, using it as inspiration to explore the issues surrounding organ transplantation and we will be creating our own non-chronological reports on the workings of the human heart.

Numeracy— We will be recapping all of the mathematical skills we have learned about in Key Stage 2, practising calculating using the four operations, deepening our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages and using our arithmetic skills to solve word problems. Each class teacher will be planning and delivering lessons which are personalised to your child's needs so that they are all prepared for SATs Week.

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— The human body.

Technology— How to prepare a healthy meal.

Geography— Improving the health of the world's children.

PSHE— New beginnings and how to resolve conflict.

RE— Islam—The Ummah

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

Drama— Topic related sessions delivered by our drama specialist.

Homework

Maths and literacy homework is given out every Friday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday 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 records to deepen their understanding and practice their comprehension skills.

Children are also encouraged to use MathsWhizz at home. This software enables children to practice their maths skills in a fun and engaging way and cleverly matches the activities to their ability so that they can progress at their own rate. Prizes are awarded each week for those children who have been working the hardest in their own time.

Our Targets

Reading

To read and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction, reference books or textbooks.

Writing

To use the full range of punctuation.

To write with a formal and an informal tone depending on the audience.

To proofread for spelling and punctuation errors.

Maths

To use the four operations to solve problems.

To answer multi-step word problems and explain methods.

To find fractions and percentages of amounts.

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.

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 THURSDAY!

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

Dates For the Term

School closed due to Bank Holiday:

Monday 1st May 2017

Class Photos:

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

SATs Week:

Monday 8th—Friday 12th May 2017

The last day of half term:

Friday 26th May 2017

(Children return **Monday 5th June 2017**)

SATs Week

During SATs Week, your children will be sitting the following tests. It is essential that all children are at school on time on these days.

Monday 8th May	English reading
Tuesday 9th May	Grammar, punctuation and spelling 1 Grammar, punctuation and spelling 2
Wednesday 10th May	Mathematics Paper 1—Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2—Reasoning
Thursday 11th May	Mathematics Paper 3—Reasoning

Throughout the entirety of this week, starting on Monday 8th May and finishing on Friday 12th May, the school will provide a **free breakfast for all Year 6 children.**

Breakfast will be served at 8:15am each day in the small hall on the ground floor of the primary building. A selection of breakfast cereals, toast and spreads will ensure that all children are well fed before starting their tests.

The early start will also provide the children with an opportunity to relieve any last minute nerves by chatting with their friends.

Finally, with all children at school before the start of the day, teachers will be able to spend some time preparing children with last minute revision.

We wish you all the very best of luck!