



Plumcroft Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you have all had a positive start to 2023 and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning experiences this term!

Our School Day **starts at 8:40** with valuable reading lessons and a chance for children to respond to their teacher's marking – so please make sure that your child is on time and ready to start learning!

PE: 6LM have PE on Mondays, 6B on Tuesdays, 6I on Wednesdays and 6JB on Thursdays – please ensure that your child arrives to school in his/her PE kit.

In **Literacy** this term, Year 6 will be reading '*The Explorer*' by Katherine Rundell, '*The Water Tower*' by Gary Crew and '*The Island*' by Armin Greder. The children will be writing stories, formal letters, split narratives, debates, advertisements and journals. Your children will need to read their AR books for at least 30 minutes **every day** (sometimes aloud to you) and practise spellings that are sent home **weekly**.

You can help by...

- *Asking your child what text type they are writing and getting them to explain the features of that text type
- *Reading with your child as often as possible, asking them detailed questions about the text and what they think will happen next
- *Practising spellings from the Year 5/6 list provided and others given by class teachers
- *Helping your child online to explore books on **myON** using their logins.

In **Maths** this term, Year 6 will be revising the four operations and exploring word problems linked with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be involved in skill review sessions, where individual needs will be addressed. The children will also be learning about percentages, fractions and decimals, and real-life problem solving and reasoning. Please ensure that your child continues to regularly practise their times tables and how these facts link to division. Every child has a **Mathletics** username and login. These should be used **daily**.

You can help by...

- *Asking your child what methods and facts they have learned in maths and encouraging them to demonstrate these to you
- *Practising quick-fire multiplication tables and the associated division facts e.g. $7 \times 8 = 56$, so $8 \times 7 = 56$, $56 \div 7 = 8$ and $56 \div 8 = 7$
- *Helping your child online to explore **Mathletics** using their logins. Again, revise the learning that has been recently covered rather than trying to explore new topics

In **Science** this term, Year 6 will be exploring '*Living Things*', learning about Carl Linnaeus, microorganisms and how plants and animals are classified. The children will then be looking at '*Light*', learning about how we see things, how light travels, how shadows are formed, how we see colour and about reflection and refraction.

You can help by...

- *Asking your child what they have been learning about and reading up on these using **myON**, science books and websites
- *Encouraging your child to demonstrate any practical investigations that we have explored in the classroom
- *Watching, as a family, science and nature documentaries on TV

In **Geography** this term, Year 6 will be exploring '*Brazil*', studying maps and researching how its five regions differ. The children will research the rainforest and effects of deforestation, how tourism effects the economy and will learn about Brazilian culture.

In **History** the children will be studying '*Crime and Punishment*' through the ages, with a focus on how it has changed over time and how history has impacted on our current legal system.

They will be looking at Art Illusions during our **Art** lessons this term.

The children will study famous artists, as well as creating their own work.

During **DT**, Year 6 will be designing and making '*Mini Greenhouses*.'

You can help by...

- *Asking your child what questions they have been investigating and reading up on these using **myON**, science and history books and websites
- *Discussing similarities and differences between our country and others.
- * Visit museums and talk to any family members who may know stories about punishment through the ages, e.g. The Tower of London.
- * Look for examples of art illusions. Discuss how effective and clever they are.
- *Discuss how a greenhouse can help plants to grow. Try growing some seeds together e.g. cress or tomato. Perhaps practice those cooking skills from Autumn term with the produce!

If you have any other questions or concerns about your child's education, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us or direct enquires to our Assistant Head Teacher for KS2, Mr Witham, at dwitham@plumcroft.greenwich.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ings, Miss Bell, Mrs Burton and Miss Mensah