

Spring Term 2019

Year 6

Exodus



Dear Parents and Children,

Firstly I'd like to wish you all a very happy new year- 2019 is a big year for you, the year you will leave Wrenbury and start your next adventure at high school, what exciting times you have ahead!

Our Spring term is also an exciting one as we follow the adventure of Mara; a young girl on a quest to save her village from the rising tides of the sea. Set in the future, when the polar ice caps have all but melted, people fight for survival on what land they can but the sea is still rising and they are forced to find a new world... but is it what it seems? She experiences great hardships and makes new friendships but will she be able to save the people she loves? This is another stunning book which tackles some serious issues. The Guardian reviews it saying 'A miracle of a novel... a book you will remember for the rest of your life.' For those who wish to buy this to read along the ISBN is 0-330-39908-x.

This term we will be creating sculptures which will be installed around school, we will make and race our own boats and will be looking into the ancient cultures that worshiped the movement of the sun around the earth to name but a few things. I am also planning to take our lovely class to Cardingmill Valley to complete a river study where we will be getting into the river to learn more about it and its impact on the ground it flows over.

As part of this term we will also be working towards our SATs, we will continue with our revision clubs (Monday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30) where all pupils are welcome. To support parents, I will also be running two workshops looking at maths (the methods and strategies used) and reading (looking at the type texts and questions the children will face); these are aimed to help you to support your children at home and to give you an insight into expectations for these tests. Maths will be held at 3:30 on Thursday 24th January and Reading will be held at 3:30 on Thursday 31st January (there will be no boosters on these dates).

We will also be continuing with our Brine Leas Gold Award project with Mr Williamson visiting school on the 15th January to look at the work you have been able to complete so far. You are welcome to use lunchtimes to work on your projects at school if you wish to.

We will also be continuing with our book club sessions on a Wednesday lunchtime- this is a time when we have lunch together but all bring our own books to read and enjoy- it was very successful last term.

Homework- We will continue to use our CGP books for homework, mainly focusing on SPAG and Maths. We will also be learning our spellings every week- remember the children need to learn the rule, the pattern and word meanings with synonyms to help them to gain a mastery over their spellings. Homework will be marked in school every Friday with Mrs Clarke and any challenges can be looked at in these sessions. Spelling tests will also be carried out on a Friday; if a child gets a spelling wrong they will be expected to go over this during the next week also.

Reading every night really is essential, it may be that a grown up reads a more challenging book to their child and spends time discussing what is happening, what the words mean, why the author maybe choose a specific word and not another etc while a child reads a more simple book. Please try to range the type of books that are read to ensure a breadth of literary experience.

The organisation of the week is as follows; as usual the school doors are open from 8:45 and we expect the children to be in school no later than 8:55, fully equipped with reading books, any completed homework, a healthy snack for break times and a coat if needed. We begin morning tasks at 8:45 so the sooner a child is in the quicker they can begin their learning. If there are any messages they can be given to the class teacher on the door. PE will be on a Thursday afternoon and continues to be run by Sportscape. Please ensure all PE kits (warmer clothing included) are in school and clearly labelled. Every child should have FULL PE kit available across the week. School lunches are charged at £2:30 per day.

Base 5	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-9:30	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic	Arithmetic
9:30-10:20	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Break					
10:40-11:00	English *	English *	English *	Whole School Choir Assembly	English
11-12:00				English *	French
Lunch					
1-1:30	Whole School Assembly	News Assembly	Personal Reading time	RE PE	Homework (SPAG/ Maths)
1:30-2:30	Topic Work**	Topic Work**	Topic Work**		Spelling test
2:30-3:30					SPAG session
					Buddies
	Class Story	Class Story	Class Story		Year 6 Assembly

*English includes SPAG, reading and writing

**Topic work includes all other subjects (science, computing, history etc)

There are some important dates for your diary (please also see the website for updates)...

Tuesday 15th – BLHS Gold award visit

Thursday 17th January Maths Booster

Monday 21st January English Booster Starts

Thursday 24th January – Parent workshop Maths (No booster)

Thursday 31st January- Parent workshop Reading (No booster)

And finally, as always, please remember that I am here for your child- if you have any worries or concerns *at all* please don't hesitate to come and talk to me; I am always available on the door, on the phone or for a catch up after school.

Your Teacher,

Mrs Charlesworth