

## Useful Websites

[www.parkfield.bham.sch.uk](http://www.parkfield.bham.sch.uk)

[www.matheletics.co.uk](http://www.matheletics.co.uk)

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

[www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

[www.rainforestmaths.com](http://www.rainforestmaths.com)

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk)

<http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-schools/Fair-trade>

[http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/multimedia/interactive/maps-tools-adventure-island/kd/?ar\\_a=3](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/multimedia/interactive/maps-tools-adventure-island/kd/?ar_a=3)

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/mapreading/>

<http://www.kidsgeo.com/geography-games/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/microorganisms/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/microorganisms/read/1/)

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/science/microorganisms/micro-organisms/>

## Homework

All children are set homework tasks on paper to help them prepare for SATs. Please remind your child to complete their weekly grammar, punctuation, comprehension and maths homework. Homework club is available to all children that feel they need support with any of their homework. Please enquire at the office or ask your child's teacher for further information about this.

# YEAR 6



# NEWSLETTER

## Important dates for your diary:

- Yr 6 SATs

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Reading test

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - English grammar, punctuation & spellings test

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Mental Maths test & Paper 1

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Maths Paper 2

- Beans and Bananas

During week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 children will be starting our new topic - watch this space for exciting events.

## Literacy

During term 3, children will be studying units on non-chronological reports, discussion, explanation, poetry and extended stories using visual literacy. Activities during literacy will be linked to our topic 'Beans and Bananas'. In addition to this, the children are also taught grammar skills, guided reading and spelling.

## Science

In science, we will:

- observe and generate ideas, define problems and think about questions in order to develop investigations;
- design and carry out experiments and gather and record evidence by observation and measurement;
- talk about our findings and draw conclusions;
- apply practical skills to design, make and improve products.

This term we will cover the topics classification, micro-organisms, adaptation & evolution.

## Topic (Beans and Bananas)

Most of the curriculum is covered through a different topic each term. This helps to link subjects together and helps children with their understanding of what is being taught. During this topic, the children will develop their skills in geography, art and DT. Pupils will experience a range of activities, including reading and drawing maps, researching, designing and making and improving drawing and painting skills.

## Numeracy

In preparation for the SATs, children will be developing their skills of using applying their numeracy skills. The children practise these skills in class, during daily numeracy lessons. You can help by reminding your child to complete their numeracy homework, logon onto Mathletics and complete a timestable grid everyday (they should be able to complete the grid in 3 mins). Please remember that you can also access the concept search and mathematical vocabulary dictionary on Mathletics for explanations of key mathematical ideas/methods. Your child also has a CGP book which has been loaned to him/her so that they have a reference point if they feel they need further explanation of key concepts.

If your child brings a past paper home, please talk through their errors and support them with their corrections. It is important that your child is able to explain their methods and justify their choices. At this point in the year, children should be encouraged to select the most efficient method for solving problems.

Feel free to contact your child's numeracy teacher for further ideas on how to help at home.

## Preparation for SATs

You can help your child by making sure he/she:

- gets enough sleep;
- eats breakfast;
- understands that SATs are a way of showing what they know;
- gets lots of encouragement from home.
- attends school everyday.