



Welcome to the new Year 6 term! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter holiday. Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children this term.

In **Literacy** this term children will be developing their skills in writing, focusing mainly on: persuasive writing; reading, analysing and writing poems; playscripts and story writing. They will be analysing texts, improving sentence structure and punctuation, thinking about the audience when writing, making appropriate vocabulary choices to engage the reader and developing editing and improving skills. They will also be revising how to write effectively in a range of styles.

In **Maths**, children will be focusing on revising the four rules of number and choosing and using the appropriate operations for calculations. They will also focus on mental maths methods and explaining their working. In shape, space and measures we will cover various aspects including rotations and reflections, 2D and 3D shapes, perimeter, area and measures problems. In data handling we will be interpreting line graphs, frequency tables and charts. We aim to provide opportunities for children to apply skills to everyday contexts such as budgeting and running a business. We will also cover some Year 7 transition units in preparation for secondary school.



In **Science** we will be consolidating understanding of key topics. We will be focusing on scientific enquiry such as planning and evaluating investigations. Children will develop their investigative and analytical skills in practical work, as well as identifying reasons for trends in collected data. During this term we will also be visited by the Babraham Science organisation who provide fun, hands-on experiments demonstrating scientific concepts and principles.

In **ICT** we will be looking at using logo software to complete model and simulation tasks. We will also be using the Internet to research various topics. Children will also have the opportunity to refine their desk top publishing skills through presenting information and creating multimedia presentations.

In **French** we will be working with extended text, using dictionaries and preparing for a written test. We will be taking part in an extended project where each pupil will write and present a story book in French at the end of term.

#### Our Foundation Topics are:

- **History** – Life in Britain during World War II: the effect of War on the life of children, rationing, the effect of evacuation. We will be researching from a variety of sources of evidence
- **ART** - 'Dig for Victory': we will be working on the allotment to create a World War II vegetable patch and our art work will be based around this activity.
- **RE** - People of Faith, Courage and Commitment - empathy and understanding of the beliefs and opinions of others. Studying prominent figures of Faith, including Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa.
- **PSHE** – Drugs Awareness and Changes (SEAL) – the effect of drugs on the body and the impact on health and well being.
- **PE** – Dance, Cricket, Athletics and Swimming
- **Music** – singing for performance and composition

#### SATS

SATs Week is **10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010**. There will be some revision through practice papers, books and websites. We will also ensure that children continue to receive a broad and balanced curriculum. It is very important that good attendance is maintained. If you feel your child is becoming anxious about the tests please come and talk to us.



We will celebrate the end of SATs on May 14<sup>th</sup> with a Strawberry Picnic in the afternoon.

### **Revision Books**

**Revision Guides**- Until SATs week we would like the children to bring these books to school each day. We would appreciate your support to ensure that the children remember to bring them to school. We will also ask the children to bring them in at certain times after the tests before the end of term. The revision guides need to be returned to the school before the end of Year 6.

### **Homework**

We would like to remind you that weekly homework is given out on a **Thursday** and is due back on the following **Tuesday**, unless otherwise stated. If you feel that your child cannot complete the homework on time, or if they are having any other problems with it, please let us know before Tuesday. Giving homework and expecting it back to a good standard and on a certain day is good practice for year 7.

### **Key Dates**

'Outspoken' (Safer Cycling) – 16<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Babraham Science – 19<sup>th</sup> May  
IVC Taster Days – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
St Bede's Taster Days – 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Activities Week – week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Cottenham Village College Primary Week – 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Open Evening – 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Yr 5/6 performances – 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> July  
Yr 6 Disco – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Yr 6 Leavers Assembly – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



### **KS3 Transition**

An important part of this term is preparing the children for their transition to new schools. As well as visiting the schools, Year 6 children will study a topic in PSHCE about 'Change'. It will give the children the opportunity to explore their feelings relating to change, including their feelings about moving to a new school in September.

Mrs Keller is dealing with our primary/secondary liaison, and therefore if you have any questions or issues concerning the transition, please make contact with her.

We hope you and your children have an enjoyable Summer Term. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you need to discuss anything about your child.

### **Extra curricular activities**

We are hoping to spend time in our school allotment this term. Please ensure your child has a set of old clothes, in addition to their PE kit, if they would like to take part in allotment activities.

Other club on offer this term are:

**Tag Rugby** - Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Dance** - Wednesday 3.20 – 5.00pm

**Netball Practice** - Friday 12.45 – 1.15pm

**Triathlon** - Friday 8 - 8.45 am

**Summer Sports** - Friday 3.30 – 4.30pm

Mr Fraser, Miss Phillips and Mrs Keller