

# Bottisham Community Primary School



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## Year 5/6 Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. A huge thank you for your kind gifts and cards at the end of term.

We are looking forward to another busy term ahead.

### **Topic Overview**

Our next topic is about 'Global Trade'. This is a fantastic geography-based topic which allows us to explore the world that we live in, the sources of our food and sustainability issues affecting our planet. Our English will also feed into this through stories, poetry and journalistic writing.

Please see our topic web for the curriculum coverage and vocabulary for this term. As always, if you have any links to this topic and can offer time to come in and speak to the children then please do get in touch.

### **Bikeability**

This has been arranged for Year 5 pupils in the w.b 10 February. You should already have received a permission slip to return. In order to take part in the Level 1 and 2 training, please remember that the children will need a roadworthy bike as well as a helmet. Please take a minute to check that your child's bike is in good working order as they will not be allowed by the Bikeability team to take part if it is not.

### **Google Classroom**

Google Classroom continues to be a vital resource for staff, pupils and parents, as a way to set and upload homework as well as share messages with you and learning in the classroom.

Homework will be set on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by Wednesday morning. Students will be given printed homework, which should be returned in their homework book. Assignments will also be posted on Google Classroom for your reference. We expect children to be spending around half an hour on English and the same on maths. Obviously, some children might complete it quicker than this, but if your child has been focussed for this length of time and has not finished, then a note in your child's homework book to highlight what they were finding difficult is welcome and perfectly acceptable. Children will also have spellings to work on each week.

Mystery Book- After half term, each class will have a mystery reading book to take home. Each child will take it in turns to take home the mystery book, read and enjoy it (with or without you!) and write a little something in the class book for the next person to see. They must try and keep the identity of this book a secret!

### Reading at home



As a school we are always promoting reading and the skills of comprehension which are needed to fully access and enjoy a good book. Please remind your child to read daily. Once they have completed a book, we ask them to complete a quiz about it on Accelerated Reader.

<https://tinyurl.com/BottishamAR>

If you need recommendations or are running out of books to choose from, please let us know so we can help. We will also encourage the children to use the school library to choose books to read for pleasure.

### SATS preparation

Please add to your calendar that SATS week for Year 6 is during the week of **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be updating you later this term with further details about SATs. It is vital that the children are in school for these days. Intervention groups to support the children's preparation for SATs will continue in school. The groups do change and you will be informed if your child is participating in them. The groups will focus on preparation for the tests as well as working on identified areas that your child needs support with.

### Parent Consultation Evenings

These have been arranged for **18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

This is an important time when we can discuss Autumn and Spring Term mock SAT assessments for Year 6 and for Year 5 to look through your child's work and celebrate successes of the year so far. Please make an appointment through the online booking system - more details to follow nearer the time.

### Outdoor PE Kits

All Year 5/6 continue to have PE with Mr Green and a further lesson with their class teacher.

Willow: Thursday morning and Friday afternoon

Maple: Monday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon

Sycamore: Wednesday afternoon, and Friday afternoon

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of appropriate PE kit:

- Black/ navy shorts (if indoors), leggings or tracksuit bottoms (for outdoor PE)
- Plain white t-shirt (different than the polo shirt from the school uniform)
- Navy/ black jumper or hoodie

### **Outdoor/ Indoor shoes**

**Please check your child has these in school every day.** All children are expected to change shoes so they can enjoy the field and outdoor area as much as possible all year round. We have been seeing an increase in children without changes of shoes which is leading to problems with excessive mud in the corridors and classrooms. Indoor shoes are essential during the school day, as we cannot have children in bare feet, and must be named and worn when inside.

### **Lunchboxes and Water bottles**

We seem to gather quite a collection of these items at the end of each half term, please ensure that they are named so that they can go home with the correct child.

### **Parent Helpers**

If you would like to support us in the classroom, whether to listen to readers or help with DT projects or events, please let us know.

### **Key Dates**

5<sup>th</sup> January – Term starts

10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Bikeability

14<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day

6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

3<sup>rd</sup> April -Last day of term

We look forward to an exciting term ahead!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sands, Mrs Walker, Mrs Ociepko, Mrs Salters and Mrs Keith

