

Dear Y6 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school after a very short, but eventful half-term. We look forward to sharing the next steps on their learning journey at the Ellis with them in Y6 and on the upcoming preparation for SATs.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

PE

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (white top and black short/joggers) in school on these days.

Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y6 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it, however, it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

Spelling books

The children will be bringing home spelling books. They will write in their new spellings on a Friday and bring their book home to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every Friday

Homework

Children will be set weekly learning tasks on a learning platform called SATS Companion. This web-based learning will be designed to consolidate the learning they are doing in school. They will have one English based and one Maths based assignment each week. They can also use the website to access other tasks which will support their learning.

Children are encouraged to regularly practise their spellings and times tables online. As a school we have subscribed to websites to support the children with their learning. Seesaw will be used in school regularly and may be used for learning at home if the need arises. The children will be given their individual logins for SATS Companion, Seesaw, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed (they are stapled in the back of their reading diaries). Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

You can find The Oaks on Twitter (now known as X) @TheEllis_Y6. We use X/Twitter to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information.

Spring 2 learning overview

English

We be using 'Paradise Sands' by Levi Pinfold to inspire our writing this half term. We will start the half term by writing a prequel to the story, letting our creative brains flow. The main focus of our writing this half term will be maintaining cohesion throughout our writing so it flows naturally.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills while focusing on a range of practice texts in preparation for our SATs.

Maths

We will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages before moving onto statistics. All of this, with a keen eye on our SATs which is looming on the horizon. We are working incredibly hard in all subjects and the Y6 team continue to be proud every day.

Science

Our Science learning will focus on Evolution and Inheritance this half term. We will be looking at how life has changed over time and the genetic/environmental changes upon evolution.

Geography

In Geography, we will be asking 'Why are mountains so important?' We will learn how mountains are formed, what different mountains look like and their impact on the world that we have today.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring Easter. We will be learning about Jesus' life before and after death, the resurrection and the long-lasting impact on this for Christians.

PE

We will be focusing on basketball (Tuesdays) and golf (Thursdays).

DT

Building on their existing DT skills, the children will be working with a partner to create a miniature playground, building structures from their own designs using the materials available.

Computing

We will be introduced to 3D modelling. We will be using a very effective website called Tinkercad to create 3D designs of houses, name badges and much more!

French

Our French learning will focus on the vocabulary for giving directions.

Music

We will be learning about Film music. We analyse different music that is used in films and how this is created and to what affect.

PSHE

We will be thinking about making the correct choices in PSHE.

Kind Regards

Mr Milliner and the Y6 Team