

Dear Y6 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school after the Christmas break. 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 Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (white top and black short/joggers) in school on these days. We will be completing both Hockey activities on Fridays and Parkour on Mondays.

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

The 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 be regularly practising spellings and times tables online regularly. 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.

Spring 1 learning overview

English

We be using 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde to inspire our writing this half-term. We will start the half term by writing a narrative - 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 'The Happy Prince' and other tales in preparation for our SATs.

Maths

We will be focusing on algebra before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages. 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. We aim to finish covering all of the content of Mathematics for Y6 prior to SATs, so we have chance to revisit/revise key topics prior to our end of KS2 assessments.

Science

Our Science learning will be classifying organisms. We will be categorising living things into classification tables whilst identifying their key characteristics.

Geography

In Geography, we will be investigating the question 'Where does our energy come from?'. Looking at key trading routes and where energy is created/distributed around the world.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring 'Why do Hindus want to be good?'. We will look at how Hindus live in modern day life and how their religion impacts their everyday lives.

Art

In Art, we will be creating sculptures and 3D modelling, focusing on making memories.

Computing

We will be introduced to programming. We will be exploring various aspects of programming, building towards creating an automatic step counter!

French

Our French learning will focus refining and enhancing our spoken vocabulary in key question stems.

Music

We will be learning about pop art. We will explore the musical concept of theme and variations, discovering how rhythms can 'translate' onto different instruments.

PSHE

We will be thinking about how our actions affect others in PSHE. Looking specifically at desirable and undesirable actions in life.

Kind regards,
The Y6 Team