

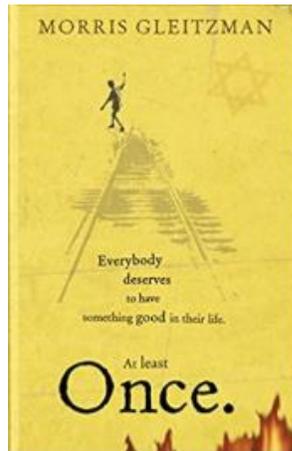


## Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back Year 6! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. For your information, we have summarised some of the key information regarding teaching and learning in this Spring term.

### Explore Dream Discover Curriculum

Our History topic this term is World War II. We will be finding out about key dates, events and people as well as exploring the experiences of evacuees and citizens during the Second World War.



### English

Our English lessons this term are largely based on our new class novel: *Once* (which is a story based around events in WWII), but pupils will also be immersed in many other texts related to this period of history such as *The Silver Sword*; *Goodnight Mr Tom*; *The Book Thief* etc. We will begin each English lesson with a reading skills focus and then move into exploring, analysing and producing writing in many different styles and genres.

### Mathematics

Children will continue with daily Mathematics lessons during Year 6. Quick recall of times tables (up to and including the 12 times table) is an essential skill. For your child to succeed in maths this year, it is of paramount importance that they continue to learn their tables at home if they are not fluent at this. Key areas of maths that we will be focussing on this term will be fractions, decimals and percentages as well as knowing about 3D shape.

We will be continuing to work on increasing your child's speed and accuracy in arithmetic and also on improving their confidence and ability to tackle more complicated multi-step reasoning problems.

### SPELLINGS

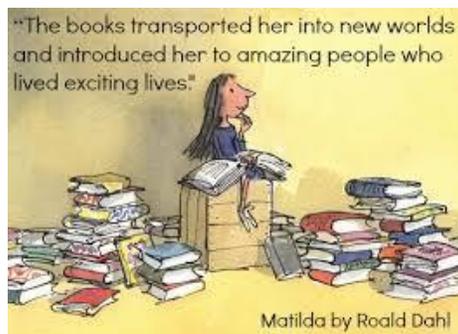
On a weekly basis, your child will be taught new spelling rules and will be given a list of words to learn. Although time will be given at the start of each day for pupils to practise these at school, **we would also strongly encourage pupils to practise them at home.** These spellings will be uploaded onto DOJO every Monday and then pupils will be tested on every Friday morning.

### Maths Homework

Maths homework will be posted on Dojo every Monday morning and children are expected to complete it and hand in on the following Friday morning.

This homework is for all children, but some children (who still need to build up fluency in their recall of times tables) will be given TIMES TABLES books to complete instead.

## KS2 Reading Challenge



It is expected that every child achieves the reading challenge. To complete the challenge your child must:

- ✓ Read at home for a minimum of 20-30 minutes, at least 5 times per week.
- ✓ Discuss unknown words that they come across in their home reading books.
- ✓ Quiz regularly on home reading books through accelerated reader, at home or at school via our school portal.  
<http://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/2209120/>

We ask for your support with child's reading as reading underpins all learning at school and parental support is vital in your child's progression. Please encourage your child to bring their reading book into school each day, so that they have opportunities to enjoy reading at school as well as home.

## PE

For this spring term, pupils will be having 2 PE sessions per week. The first will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons (delivered by TIME4SPORT specialist PE instructors). The PE focus this term is: GYMNASTICS.

Then, every Friday, pupils will take part in 'Tabata'. This is a high intensity interval training programme which is designed to improve pupils' physical stamina and build muscle strength.

**Please ensure that your child comes to school in their Willows' P.E kit on Tuesday and Fridays.**



### Start and end of the school day times

Doors open 8:35 – 8:45am

School ends 3:15pm



Please note that the 2023 Key Stage 2 SATs were *originally* due to start on Monday 8th May 2023 but this has been shuffled back by one day to Tuesday 9th May due to the [extra day holiday for the King's coronation](#).

Date	Exam
Tuesday 9 May 2023	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English Reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Friday 12 May 2023	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



**Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.**

**If you wish to contact your class teacher, please use ClassDojo as this is now our main communication link.**

