

## **Class 6 Newsletter – Spring (1) 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends during this school break. It is so lovely to see the children's happy faces back in school. Below is some information that I hope will be of use to you during the coming half term.

All English and Maths sessions will be taught in line with the National Curriculum and will cover a wide range of key objectives during the year.

### **Our other areas of learning will be as follows:**

<b>Geography</b>	<b>European Country Study</b> - How does the European region of Bavaria in Germany compare to Lytham St Annes?
<b>SCIENCE</b>	Animals including humans – digestive system, teeth and food chains
<b>R.E.</b>	<b>Sikhism</b> - How do Sikhs express their beliefs and values?
<b>COMPUTING</b>	Writing for different audiences
<b>P.S.H.E</b>	<b>My Happy Mind</b> – Celebrate Unit
<b>P.E.</b>	Athletics/Cricket
<b>M.F.L (French)</b>	Presenting Myself
<b>D.T.</b>	<b>Food</b> - Can I use a variety cooking techniques and prepare a simple savoury food dish?

If anyone has any interesting artefacts or items related to the above topics and they don't mind them being shown in class, please let me know.

**P.E.** - We have P.E. on Mondays and Fridays. Please could I remind you to label all the items of their P.E kits (**especially the hoodies**) and remind your child to look after their hoodie by carefully sliding it onto the back of their chair or putting it on their coat peg if they need to take it off.

**Homework** – our focus for homework is going to be **daily reading, spelling and times tables**. Times tables tasks will be set on Purple Mash and there also will be spelling assignments set on Spelling Shed. These tasks will be set weekly (on a Friday). The tasks should be completed by the next Friday. If you require a copy of your child's login and password, please let me know.

**Reading:** Please can you ask your child to bring their reading folder into school every day. Daily reading in school and at home is encouraged. Developing their speed, stamina and comprehension in reading is of vital importance to help them make good progress.

**Spelling:** The next half termly test of the Year 4 50 words will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**Times tables:** At the end of Year 4 there will be a test set by the Government that the children will complete on the iPads. This test is a times tables test and will take place in the classroom. It tests their knowledge of all their times tables at random and at speed. Children are allowed 6 seconds per question. This is an example of the type of questions and speed to expect available at

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

Please encourage your child to practise and learn these as this will help build their speed and confidence. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

**Water** – please could your child have a labelled water bottle in school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day. We ask that you only provide water for your child to drink.

**Healthy Snack** – If you would like your child to have something to eat at morning breaktime please send them in with a **piece of fruit**.

Best wishes for 2025 and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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