



Old Palace Year 6 Newsletter Spring 2

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Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

World Book Week

Old Palace Primary School will be celebrating World Book week between **the 27th February to the 3rd March.**

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| Monday 27 th Feb | <p>Year 1 Bedtime story Time: 5-6pm We encourage the children to come dressed in their Pyjama's and they can bring along a soft toy to snuggle up to when being read a story. The children will be allocated into a small group where there will a staff member to support with the reading.</p> <p>Whole school Competition launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be brought home by your child on Monday They will need to draw their favourite author and write a reason why Entries need to submitted to their teacher by Wednesday 2nd March Prizes for the best entries will be given out during Friday's assembly |
| Wednesday 1 st March | <p>Parent Workshop- 9-10am We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go through the reading we do in our school Tips for you to help your child with reading Look at authors your child would enjoy reading with you |
| Friday 3 rd March | <p>Dressing up- Children can come dressed up as their favourite book character</p> <p>Author visit James Allen- Author of Hegersaurus will be visiting Year 1!</p> <p>Book Fair After school there will be a book fair where you can purchase books. Cash only.</p> |
| Throughout the week | The children will taking part in a variety of tasks, including researching their author, reading one of their books and completing some art activities. |

Comic Relief

Red Nose day 2023 is on Friday 17th March. We will be celebrating from Monday 13th with lots of fundraising activities to support the cause. This year, Red nose day is about proving that the littlest of things can make a huge difference. Make sure to dig deep and donate to some of the fun activities and fundraising challenges we will have lined up for the week. More will be announced close to the time.

World Languages Week

February 21st was International Mother Languages Day! It is a day dedicated to the celebration of different languages and cultural diversity. At Old Palace we celebrated Languages Day for the whole week! We had two special assemblies, the first looking at how World Language Day came to be and the second where children were able to share what they learnt during the week and to announce the Language Day poster competition winners. On Thursday 23rd February we had some amazing parent volunteers come into school and work with each class to learn a new language!

Reception - Sign Language
Year 1 - German (1O) and Somalian (1D)
Year 2 - Khmer (2B) and Portuguese (2H)
Year 3 - Italian (3H) and Hindi (3G)
Year 4 - Turkish (4T) and Tagalog (4D)
Year 5 - Mandarin (5K) and Urdu (5M)
Year 6 - Urdu (6Y) and Arabic (6W)

Try asking your child how to say 'hello' in the language they learnt!
Thank you so much to all parent volunteers, the children and staff really appreciated you coming in to share with us!

Capoeira

This half term year 6 will be taking part in capoeira, a dancelike martial art of Brazil, performed to the accompaniment of call-and-response choral singing and percussive instrumental music. This is linked to their Geography unit 'Americas'

Curriculum

For further information on what your child will be learning this half – term please click here <https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/curriculum/>





Reading and Bug Club

Please support your children with their enjoyment of reading by encouraging them to read a little bit each day at home! They should be reading their decodable book (linked to their sounds they are learning) or their story book. We recommend reading for 10-15 minutes each evening! Bug club accounts have been updated and all children should have new books to read. Please remind your child to access their account each week to read one of their books and complete the quizzes at the end. Each child also has 2 bi-weekly library books.

DT Day - Wood

Year 6 will be creating a light box during DT day this half term. The children will be learning how to successfully measure and cut the lengths of wood using the appropriate tools and how to correctly join them to form the base of their light box.

The children will also carry out market research to first determine a need for their product, and then plan and design accordingly.

Year 6 DT day is on Tuesday 21th March

Vocabulary

Please help your child to use these words and check they understand what they mean

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| Spring 2 | Week 1 | consent | nondescript | prohibit | empire |
| Spring 2 | Week 2 | criteria | palpable | prominent | endeavour |
| Spring 2 | Week 3 | corresponding | sanguine | conscious | evident |
| Spring 2 | Week 4 | constaints | volatile | reprimand | contempt |
| Spring 2 | Week 5 | throughfare | whimsical | resign | subterfuge |

Key Dates

Book Week: Dress up day **Friday 3rd March**

Comic Relief Week: **Monday 13th March**

Comic Relief Dressing up day: **Friday 17th March**

Year 6 DT day: **Tuesday 21th March**

Year 6 SATS workshop

We will be holding a year 6 SATS workshop looking at when and how the tests will be administered in year 6, how you can support your children and how to order and CGP revision guides through the school. The workshop will be held in the bottom hall on **Tuesday 28th February from 9:00am to 10:00am**

Topic

This half term, Year 6's topic is 'The Americas'. They will find out the Geography of the American continent and the countries that reside in the North and Southern parts. The children will also look at the political and social setting of the countries and make comparisons.



Homework

Year 6 will continue to receive their homework weekly. Each week they are expected to complete the following:

Weekly spellings
Grammar or phonics
Maths

Please return the homework on a Monday.

PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag every **Monday** and take it home on a **Friday**. Year 6 have PE on a **Friday afternoon** please ensure they have the appropriate kit, such as tracksuit bottoms and a jumper during the colder months.

Maths

Year 6 will spend this half term working with Fractions. The children will be looking at how to add, subtract, divide and multiply fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts ordering and arranging Fractions and writing Fractions in their simplest form.

A useful website to support looking at Fractions can be found here: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/fractions-menu.html>

PSHE

This half-term's unit is on 'Healthy Me'. In this unit, the children will be identifying what is healthy and unhealthy and exploring how to make healthy choices. They will also identify ways that they can take care of their oral hygiene and why it is important.

