



## Old Palace Year 6 Newsletter Spring 1

Year Lead: Ms Matin Teachers: Ms Ali (6A) and Ms Wróbel (6W) Support Staff: Ms Quah and Mr White

### Maths

Please see below the maths topics this half term:

- 1. Angles** – Children will be learning how to calculate missing angles in different shapes as well as on a straight line or a full rotation.
- 2. Geometry** - Children will begin to learn the different properties of a circle. They will revise the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, using this information to solve problems.
- 3. Ratio** – Children will begin to learn how to calculate and solve problems involving ratio.

Useful Links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncscw>

### English

Please see below the order of topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

- 1. Contemporary Fiction** – Children will begin the unit by reading and exploring 'My Dad's a Birdman' or 'My Mum's from Planet Pluto'. They will explore the characters thoughts and feelings and use this knowledge to write a diary entry.
- 2. Information Texts** – During this unit, children will get the chance to use the information they have been learning about the body, to create their own information leaflet about how different systems within the body work.

### Other Subjects

**Art-** Pop Art

**Music-** Guitars (for selected children)

**Computing-** Sketch Up

**Science** – Fit for life (maintaining a healthy lifestyle)

**RE-** Places of Worship

**PE-** Hockey and Gymnastics

**PSHE-** Dreams and Goals

### SATs Revision

In Spring 2, there will be an opportunity to buy CGP SATs book bundles, through the school, at a discounted price. These are great resources to support revision for SATs at home. A parents meeting will be held in the first week of spring 2 to explain more about SATs and the revision books.

### Book Bags

In the Year 6 Parent Council meeting it was raised that the children did not receive Old Palace book bags. We have just under 40 book bags available, and some red plastic wallets which can be used as book bags. If you would like one, this is on a first come first serve basis. A text will be sent out next week with further instructions.

### Trips

This half term year 6 will be visiting the STEM pods at the Centre of the Cell, an interactive science experience using state-of-the-art immersive show features films and gaming to enhance their understanding of how the human body works.

**Date:** 6A – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024  
6W – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

**Cost of the trip: £4**



### PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag on the days when they have PE. Year 6 have PE **all Friday afternoon**. Please ensure they have the appropriate kit and footwear. Children will need to have trainers to take part in PE.

### Vocabulary

Word of the day: here are the new vocabulary words we will be introducing to the children this half term. You may wish to practice these words at home!

Week 2	philanthropist	unorthodox	jockeying	meagre
Week 3	maintenance	beguiling	pioneer	devote
Week 4	reliant	exuberant	plume	domestic
Week 5	furor	jocular	precarious	earnest

### Winter Weather

As the weather is still quite cold, we ask that children please be sent in wearing warm jackets, hats and gloves, as they will need these for break times. Please also make sure that PE kits include long jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or hoodie for children to wear during their outdoor PE sessions.

### School Photographer

It is time to take our annual school photos! The school photographer will be coming into school on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** to take individual, class and sibling photos.

### Bringing things in from home

Parents/Carers this is a polite reminder that children should not be bringing in anything additional from home, such as toys, activities and accessories. It can cause problems, particularly in the playground or be upsetting if a child loses their item. If a child is seen with anything that shouldn't be in school and/or is causing a distraction, it will be taken off them and given to the parent/carer at the end of the day.

### Key dates

**School Photo Day** – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
**Internet Safety Day** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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