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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 Class Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely half term holiday and that your children are well rested. We are now entering a particularly busy period for the Year 6 children, as we prepare for our SATs tests.

English and Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'The Swinging Sixties.' We will explore the decade of the 1960s and examine the significant social change that took place in Britain and the USA. We look in detail at changes in popular culture and study the politics of race, in particular through the Civil Rights Movement in the USA. We will study the work of the pop art movement and will be creating some 60s-inspired artwork of our own.

In English, we spent our first week back looking at the power of imagery in poetry, focusing on the surrealist poems of Roger McGough. We will now be moving on to research and write non-chronological reports about the Civil Rights movement in the USA.

Our topic will finish with a 1960s day, including a party, for which we would like the children to dress up in 1960s-style clothing!

Reading

Reading in school will continue as before, with afternoon sessions geared towards deep analysis of texts across a range of genres. The children will be practising writing extended responses to a range of texts, including poems, reports and short stories. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes every day, and to talk to them about their understanding of what they read. It is important that they are reading texts that challenge them. If they need recommendations, we can help.

Maths

In maths this half term, we will be looking at the following areas:

- 1) Area and Perimeter
- 2) Ratio
- 3) Statistics
- 4) Properties of Shape



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We will also continue to practise the four operations and calculating with fractions, decimals and percentages in preparation for the arithmetic paper. As always, for those children who do not know their times tables, TT Rockstars or daily recall remains a priority.

PE

In PE we will be working on practising our 60s dance moves, as well as playing tennis.

Homework

As usual, homework will be given to the children on Friday and should be handed back in or submitted online by the following Wednesday.

SATs Tests

You have hopefully received the Powerpoint from the SATs meeting we held on Wednesday 23rd February. This contains both an overview of the tests and the key dates to be aware of. If you have not received it, or have any further questions, please let us know.

Key Dates

Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – children are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book
Sunday 13 th March	Jumble Sale 11am - 4pm
Friday 25 th March	Biblio Buzz Alexandra Palace Book Awards trip
Wednesday 30 th March	Parent Consultations 4pm
Thursday 31 st March	Parent Consultations 6pm
Friday 1 st April	Last day of term

Best wishes,

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