



Welcome to the new Year 6 term! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter holiday. Much of our work will be linked to our creative topic called "Dig For Victory!" Here's a brief glimpse into what's in store for the children this term.

In **Literacy** this term children will be developing their skills in writing, focusing mainly on: persuasive writing; reading, analysing and writing poems; playscripts and story writing. They will be analysing texts, improving sentence structure and punctuation, thinking about the audience when writing, making appropriate vocabulary choices to engage the reader and developing editing and improving skills. They will also be revising how to write effectively in a range of styles.

In **Maths**, children will be focusing on revising the four rules of number and choosing and using the appropriate operations for calculations. They will also focus on mental maths methods and explaining their working. In shape, space and measures we will cover various aspects including rotations and reflections, 2D and 3D shapes, perimeter, area and measures problems. In data handling we will be interpreting line graphs, frequency tables and charts. We aim to provide opportunities for children to apply skills to everyday contexts such as budgeting and running a business, this will be supported by the visit from members of Barclay's Bank. We will also cover some Year 7 transition units in preparation for secondary school.



In **Science** we will be consolidating understanding of key topics. We will be focusing on scientific enquiry such as planning and evaluating investigations. Children will develop their investigative and analytical skills in practical work, as well as identifying reasons for trends in collected data. During this term we will also be visited by teachers from IVC who will run sessions focusing on practical science.

In **ICT** we will be looking at using logo software to complete model and simulation tasks. We will also be using the Internet to research various topics. Children will also have the opportunity to refine their desk top publishing skills through presenting information and creating multimedia presentations.

In **French** we will be working with extended text, using dictionaries and preparing for a written test. We will be taking part in an extended project where each pupil will write and present a story book in French at the end of term.

Our Foundation Topics are:

- **History** – 'Dig for Victory' focusing on the effect of War on the life of children, rationing, evacuation and life on the Home Front. We will be researching from a variety of sources of evidence.
- **ART** - 'Dig for Victory': we will be working on the allotment to create a World War II vegetable patch and our art work will be based around this activity.
- **RE** - People of Faith, Courage and Commitment - empathy and understanding of the beliefs and opinions of others. Studying prominent figures of Faith, including Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa.
- **PSHE** – changes in relationships, drugs and medicines in addition to work related to the transition to secondary school.
- **PE** – Dance, Cricket, Athletics and Swimming
- **Music** – singing for performance and composition



SATS

SATs Week is **9th – 12th May 2011**. There will be some revision through practice papers, books and websites. We will also ensure that children continue to receive a broad and balanced curriculum. It is very important that good attendance is maintained. If you feel your child is becoming anxious about the tests please come and talk to us.

We will celebrate the end of SATs on May 13th with a visit to the Country Park including our traditional strawberry picnic.

Revision Books

Revision Guides- Until SATs week we would like the children to bring these books to school each day. We would appreciate your support to ensure that the children remember to bring them to school. We will also ask the children to bring them in at certain times after the tests before the end of term. The revision guides need to be returned to the school before the end of Year 6.

Homework

We would like to remind you that weekly homework is given out on a **Thursday** and is due back on the following **Tuesday**, unless otherwise stated. If you feel that your child cannot complete the homework on time, or if they are having any other problems with it, please let us know before Tuesday. Giving homework and expecting it back to a good standard and on a certain day is good practice for year 7.

Key Dates

IVC Taster Days – 20th and 21st June
St Bede's Taster Day – 4th July
Cottenham Village College Primary Week – 4th – 8th July
The Manor Taster Day – 27th June
Open Evening – 11th July
Yr 6 performances – 18th and 19th July
Yr 6 Disco – Wednesday 20th July
Yr 6 Leavers Assembly – Friday 22nd July



KS3 Transition

An important part of this term is preparing the children for their transition to new schools. Through PSHCE sessions, children will have the opportunity to explore their feelings relating to change, including their feelings about moving to a new school in September.

Mrs Keller is dealing with our primary/secondary liaison, and therefore if you have any questions or issues concerning the transition, please make contact with her.

We hope you and your children have an enjoyable Summer Term. Please feel free to come and talk to us if you need to discuss anything about your child.

Allotment News

We are hoping to spend time in our school allotment this term. Please ensure your child has a set of old clothes with them in school, in addition to their PE kit.

Mr Fraser, Miss Phillips and Mrs Keller