



It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas break; we hope that you have all enjoyed the festivities and time together with your families and friends. This term is a very busy and important term. It is the final term in which to prepare Year 6 as fully as possible for their tests in May; they will be working very hard and will benefit greatly from any additional support that can be offered at home. Maximum effort from the children (supported by both teachers and parents) during this period as well as good attendance can have a significant impact upon the results achieved.



Danes Class Spring Term 2019



Our theme this term is **'Everybody's Earth'** which includes an understanding of the Earth's resources, how these can be conserved and also trade with other countries. This links well with our science topic **'Earth in Space'**. These themes will include work across many areas of the curriculum with a particular focus on **geographical and scientific** knowledge and skills.

As part of our work we will be visiting the **Bayfordbury Observatory** on the evening of **Monday 21st January 2019** (letter already distributed).

There are many ways in which you can support your child. Firstly, by making sure that your child is fully equipped and prepared for learning. **Please check that your child:**

- **Completes homework** on time and brings it back to school on the correct day
- **reads daily**, records this in the reading record book and discusses their reading
- continues to use their **Spelling Journal** to practise at home.

PE: PE will continue to take place on Mondays and Fridays. We will also continue with our daily mile, so it is important that trainers are in school every day.

Key Stage 2 Tests

Year 6 children will be taking their tests during the **week beginning 13th May**.

Further information to be shared at a meeting for **Year 6 parents at 8:30am on Monday 28th January**.

Homework

The arrangements for homework in Danes class are changing slightly this term. Our aims are to:

- ensure that the Year 6 children are prepared as fully as possible for their tests in May
- to establish good routines before their move to secondary school.

By setting different homework tasks on different days, and asking for work to be handed in at different times, we hope that the children will get used to planning their time carefully and organising themselves to have the appropriate books in school at the appropriate time.

The table outlines the new arrangements for weekly homework.

Homework Timetable

Subject	Day Set	Due In
Reading comprehension (Y6 only)	Friday	Monday
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (Y6 only)	Wednesday	Friday
Maths & English	Friday	Thursday

Homework projects will continue to be set half-termly (see separate sheet) – these are optional for Year 6 this term to allow for the additional demands outlined above. We have been so impressed by the range of work produced by the children last term and are looking forward to seeing what they produce next!