

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Christmas break. We are delighted to welcome the children back and are really looking forward to a busy, creative, and exciting term of learning.

This term, much of our learning will be centred around the theme of diversity and immigration in Birmingham, helping children to understand how people from different backgrounds have shaped our city and community. Through our History and Geography lessons, children will explore Birmingham's rich cultural heritage and the journeys people have taken to make it the vibrant place it is today. This learning will be celebrated later in the term with a Birmingham Heritage Day, where children will have the opportunity to share and showcase their own heritage.

These ideas will be brought to life across several subjects. In Computing, children will learn about website design and create their own websites using Google Sites, presenting information linked to our diversity topic in a creative and purposeful way. In Art, children will develop layering techniques, inspired by the bold colours and expressive styles found in graffiti art, often associated with city culture and identity. Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, children will use Crumble kits to design and build a structure with moving parts, linking closely to their learning about programming and control.

In our core subjects, children will also be making meaningful connections. In English, we will begin the term by exploring newspaper articles, learning how information is presented and reported. Later, children will link their writing to our Science topic, Animals Including Humans, through non-fiction writing and biographies, focusing on the lives and achievements of significant scientists. In Reading, children will explore a wide range of texts and genres, developing key skills such as retrieving information, making inferences, and understanding unfamiliar words and phrases to deepen their comprehension.

In Maths, learning will focus on fractions, decimals, and percentages, alongside work on shape (including 2D and 3D shapes and angles) and measure. This learning will support children in building confidence and fluency as they prepare for their upcoming SATs.

Alongside classroom learning, Physical Education will continue to take place on Thursdays and Fridays (weather dependent), so children should come to school wearing their PE kits on these day.

To support learning at home, homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and should be returned by Wednesday. We also ask that reading journals are signed by a parent or carer at least three times a week. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home — it really does make a difference.

As we move towards the end of the term, we are excited to be looking ahead to our annual Arts Fest and our Easter celebrations, which are always wonderful highlights of the school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to a fantastic Spring Term filled with curiosity, creativity, and achievement. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
The Year 6 Team