



# Northbourne Class Newsletter

## Term 4



Welcome to Term 4!

We are now well into the year and all the class are working very hard as we start the run up to **SATS's** which take place after Easter. The Year 6 children will be receiving continuing small group support practising past SAT's papers in order to make sure that their test strategies are up to scratch and also to develop self confidence!

Our **topic** this term is "Days that Shook the World". As part of this topic we will be looking at the Moon Landing of 1969, the meteor that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs and other such events. In **Maths** we will be reviewing basic skills as usual in the first week or so then looking at algebra, averages and measures. The children in Miss Allsopp's maths set will have their first 2 weeks of basic skills then focus on objectives specific to their levels.

**Homework** will go home every Friday as usual and will be a piece of Maths and Literacy as well as a spelling list. In addition your child should be bringing home a reading book every night. Times tables are always an ongoing priority. If your child is struggling with any of the homework then please let me know or write a note so we can give appropriate support. We really do appreciate all the help you give your children with homework!

**P.E.** This term the class has PACE led PE sessions on Tuesday afternoons again. Please ensure your child has FULL PE kit - there are always a few children who do not have their kit and so miss out on this important (and enjoyable) part of the Curriculum.

### Violins

Weekly violin tutoring is continuing as part of the Sound Hub funded free music tuition. The class are doing amazingly well and are actually starting to sound quite nice! There are plans afoot for a performance with an adult orchestra in the Summer .....

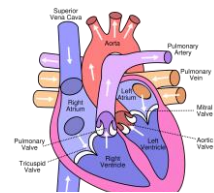
As some of you may know this year the end of KS 2 SAT's now include a separate grammar and punctuation test (SPaG). As we have worked regularly on these areas of Literacy I expect our Year 6's will perform well. I will be sending this sort of grammar practise home for homework quite regularly as a constant reminder for the children. They have also been completing the spag.com online tests at home very successfully!

In Literacy this term we will be looking at diary, narrative story, research and information writing. This is all in addition to the



ongoing grammar and spelling work. Y5 children will also be preparing for the summer tests by completing assessed pieces of work. All children are aware of their 'next steps' in writing which helps them to focus on which aspects of their writing they need to improve to move onto the next level. This is proving to be very successful and the children all like challenging themselves and seeing the quality of their work improve!

Our **Science** this term is "Healthy Living". The class will be investigating how to keep their bodies healthy and strong. This covers such areas as healthy diets and exercise; alcohol, drugs and tobacco abuse etc. They will also hopefully stun you with their knowledge of the circulatory system and the heart!



In **RE** we will be looking at Christianity around the world then focusing on Easter at the end of the term.

As always – if you have any worries or concerns about your child please phone, email, visit or send in a note.



Mrs S Muddle