

REMINDERS

You can help your child by :

- reading with your child and writing comments in their reading record book. I expect the children to read at home every day and to have their planner signed.
- assist your child in completing their homework, which is given out on a Thursday and should be handed in on a Tuesday. If there are any problems or questions about homework please pop a note in your child's planner or arrange to chat to me about it. Homework consists of one piece of written/maths work, learning spellings and writing the words in sentences and learning their times table and division facts.
- ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. Either pop a note in your child's planner, call us or arrange a meeting.

The children will also be given revision guides to work through to prepare them for the SATs, they may need help and support to work through these and will need to do some practise throughout the week.

This term our PE is on a Monday and Thursday Our first PE topics are gymnastics—focussing on different balances, and we will be doing some dance too—based around Ancient Greek myths.

Over the next term all children will be taking part in booster sessions for reading, which may take place in assembly times.

Amotherby CP School

2016-2017
Spring term
Class 6 Year 6



Adults working with your children

- Mrs Poole
- Mrs Stevenson
- Mrs Smurthwaite

This term the children will be focusing on: -

MATHS (in the build up to SATs we cover all the different areas of maths)

- Written methods to add/subtract/multiply and divide
- Fractions and percentages of amounts and proportion
- Simplifying fractions and ordering them
- Solving 1 and 2 step work problems using all 4 operations
- Understanding/ordering decimals, & what each digit means
- Rounding whole numbers and decimals
- Lots of mental calculations and quick mental maths
- Using symbols to write a simple formula (algebra)
- Understanding squares, primes, multiples and sequences
- Recognising lines of symmetry and describing shapes
- Converting between units of measure
- Handling data—conversion graphs, charts, tables etc
- Calculating missing angles, drawing and measuring angles
- Rotating and translating shapes
- Understanding co-ordinates and finding missing coordinates

ENGLISH (in the build up to SATs we cover all the different text types, and practise comprehension, spelling and grammar skills)

- Journalistic writing, reports and recounts
- Persuasive writing, arguments, and letters to persuade
- Narrative writing of various genres, lots of description
- Poetry - figurative language, similes/metaphors
- Diary entries, formal and informal letters
- PLUS: Lots of word and sentence level work, looking at: commas in complex sentences, speech punctuation, paragraphs, direct and indirect speech, verbs and adverbs etc.

EXCITING THEMES

Our main topic for this half term is a History based topic—*Ancient Greeks*. During this topic we will develop our chronological knowledge of world history, find out what they did, how they lived and what we have learnt from them.

In art we will be sketching, and looking at observational drawing and also creating a structure from clay. In design and technology we will be doing some baking or cooking nearer to Easter.

In science we will be looking at the human body and thinking about what a journey through our body would look like. This will focus on learning about the heart and veins and other important aspects of the body.

Later in the term we will also be looking at Living Things and classifying animals and learning about micro-organisms.

In music the children will be exploring the dimensions of music (rhythm, pulse, pitch, timbre and tempo) through learning to play an instrument and improvise. After half-term they will be exploring the old school 'Hip Hop' style of music through work on *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*.

In ICT we are learning about APPs and how they are designed.

Our French this term is focused on learning about the names of animals and on how to order food and drink.