



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Many thanks for our lovely Christmas cards and gifts. We really appreciate it.

Our topic for this spring term is 'The Benin Kingdom', one of the many African kingdoms before Western colonisation which was based in what is now modern day Nigeria. It is particularly exciting as it is the first time it is being studied by a Year 6 class at Reay and we are going to make the most of our learning. Many of the children are incredibly excited to share their Nigerian heritage and if you have any information or knowledge you would like to bring to our class it would be brilliant.

This term, children will continue their PE lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday. They are often outside and it has been very cold! Please make sure your child has their full P.E kit with them (t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and plimsolls - No football kits!).

Our spelling tests will continue on Thursday. **Homework books are due in on a Thursday and new homework (mental maths, reading comprehension and spellings) will be handed out on a Friday.** We will have a mental maths test every Friday. A homework project will be announced later in the spring as I would like children to get use to their regular homework coming in on a Thursday.

As we get ever closer to the SATs it is important to strike a balance between aiming towards high achievement and taking care of children's wellbeing and focussing on their emotional development. We are having after school clubs for children to attend to give them an extra boost. If you would like them to get extra help after school and they are not already attending please speak to one of us. We are also doing a lot revision in school during the day. If you have any other questions or concerns please feel speak to any of the team after school.

We are awaiting confirmation for two trips: one to the Black Cultural Archives and another to the British Museum this term and more information will follow as dates are set. If you have any questions or would like to come in to volunteer or lend any expertise to our class please do let us know!

Finally, if your child is attending the Spain trip this spring, I would like to have a meeting on Friday the 1th of February to discuss costs, fundraising and any questions you have thus far. It will be straight after school at 3:45. If you cannot make an afternoon meeting but would be able to make a morning meeting on the 1st instead please tick the box below

I can make the meeting at 3:45 on the 1st

I cannot make the at 3:45 but I could come at 9:00 on the 1st

I cannot make either time on the 1st

NAME OF CHILD _____

Thank you for your continued support - it has been amazing watching the children progress since September and the sky is the limit!

Best Wishes,

The Year 6 Team