

# Y E A R 6

## H A L F T E R M L Y N E W S L E T T E R

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*Who would have thought that half a year of teaching has already gone by...but it has. Below you will see that our focus turns towards SATs during the second half of term.*

*It promises to be a rewarding, yet intense half term.*

*Rob Walters and Claire Degenhardt*

### COUNTDOWN TO SATS

For the next few weeks our teaching in school will continue in much the same way; in maths we will learn about coordinates and ratio; whilst in literacy we will be looking at stories that reflect on memories.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last full week of term we will do a complete run through of all the SATs tests under proper test conditions. It gives us a chance to see how children are performing and see where there are gaps in their knowledge, which then allows us to continue to direct our revision based teaching next term to topic areas that most need it, as well as direct any teaching staff to children that need a little more help. It gives children a chance to see what the tests can be like so that there are no surprises when it comes to May.

A common question asked at this time of year is: should I give my child extra work to do at home? Probably the best thing to do is not to add to their existing level of work. We feel that they work pretty hard in school during the run up to SATs

and doing much more, beyond the normal levels of homework, could be counter productive.

**DT:** Towards the end of term we will start to think about cooking the savoury dishes that we will be creating as part of our topic on food and healthy eating.

**PE:** Will continue be outside on a Wednesday and Friday with a focus on Invasion Games – please ensure you are prepared for these sessions – some children are regularly forgetting kit!

### Camp: 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 27<sup>th</sup> May - Delaware Centre

Further details on this year's camp are given below. We will have a parents meeting well before the trip – will confirm this in due course.

**Payments:** Please remember to make payments as soon as you can now as the next few weeks will fly by – all payments to be made **before the Easter Break** – please talk to us if this causes an issue.

**Staffing:** TBC

**Activities:** During the 5 days each child will get the opportunity to do mountain bike skills, canoeing, moorland exploration, climbing and abseiling, gorge walking and archery. The activities are run by qualified staff from the Delaware centre, with Mount Charles staff present at all times. During the evening we run our own activities. More information closer to the time.

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