



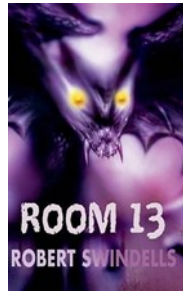
Crabtree Farm Primary School

Summer Term Newsletter / Year 6 / April 2024

Making every minute count & an ethic of excellence

English

This half-term we are reading *Room 13*, a classic, spooky suspense story by acclaimed writer Robert Swindells. It will have children hooked and on the edge of their seats. We will use this book to inspire us to write our own spine-tingling stories and terrifying tales.



Later, we will also read short stories from *Tales from China* by Cyril Birch, and the science-fiction novel *Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen, which is sure to excite the children.

Welcome back to year 6 for our fifth half term this year as we continue to make every minute count and show an ethic of excellence, as we prepare for our KS2 assessments and prepare for transition into secondary.

History and Geography

Our history topic this term is *The Shang Dynasty*, which was the earliest well-documented dynasty in China that ruled from about 1600-1046 BC. Children will learn about some of the amazing achievements of this ancient bronze-age civilisation, from which many of the most important aspects of Chinese culture were developed.



Later, we will study *Our Changing World* as our geography topic., looking at how landscapes, particularly in the UK, have changed over time. Children will learn about the impact weathering and erosion have on our coastlines as well as considering how other physical and human factors contribute to our changing landscapes.



Maths

Much of the summer 1 term is given to revision of all topics as we make our way towards the SATs exams in May. Please encourage your child to use Mathletics. We will continue to practice our arithmetic skills to make sure we can do all four operations, work with percentages and calculate with fractions.



TT Rockstars is an excellent way to speed up our multiplications.

Science

Did you know that mould is useful? Our topic for summer 1 is living things and their habitat. We will learn about microorganisms: how they grow, reproduce and how the world needs them to survive. As part of the topic we will grow and observe our own microorganisms in class and survey the school grounds to find other organisms as they do their vital jobs.



Our final topic in summer 2 will be Evolution and Inheritance. Dinosaur discoveries, human evolution and the UK Jurassic Coast will be amongst our adventures into this fascinating area of science.

Art

Our project this half term will involve the ancient art of puppet making but with a modern twist. Many craftspeople and artists have worked hard to keep this tradition alive and now, Year 6 join the effort.

Lotte Reiniger (a famous German animator) has inspired techniques in puppet making for nearly 100 years. We will combine her work methods and those of Malaysian master puppet makers to produce puppets and then produce our own shows.



PSHE

We begin our DAaRT course in the summer term. This involves an outside provider leading us in learning around a number of key issues:

- Knife, gun and drug crime
- Safe relationships - exploring risk

Further information about the course will be out soon.



RE

In RE lessons this term, our main focus will be on **beliefs in action in the world**. First, we will be looking at how religions and beliefs respond to global issues of human rights, fairness, social justice and the importance of the environment?



Later, children will learn about pre-war Jewish life and the impact of persecution and discrimination on Jewish people living in Germany in the 1930s. What was the Kindertransport? Who resisted and rescued? How can we be Upstanders today?

After School Boosters— SATs preparation

Boosters after school will continue until SATs begin on Monday for Class Trent and Thursday for Class Loxley which runs up to 4.50pm.

SATs begin on **Monday 13th of May**. Year 6 staff are available to talk to about any concerns or questions you might have. Earlier this year, we held a meeting to explain the process of assessments for end of Key Stage 2. If you would like a copy of this information, please speak to a team member.

End of year celebrations and the Year 6 passport

We have decided to introduce the Year 6 passport. This passport will have 5 key areas of success. If your child does not get their weekly stamp in the key areas of success within their passport, this may limit their chances of attending the celebration events that have been planned for their final weeks: prom, picnic and fun days.

We understand getting your children to school can be a challenge; however, to ensure their greatest success in SATs and for them to enjoy what the final weeks have to offer, they need to be in school.



Dates for your diary

15th April - Start of Summer 1 Half Term
25th April - Spanish Day
6th May - Bank Holiday
13th to 16th May - Year 6 SATs
24th May - Last day of Summer 1 Half Term
3rd June - Start of Summer 2 Half Term
6th June - Sports Day
3rd July - Summer Fayre
10th July - Transition Day
12th July - Reports to parents/carers
18th July - Year 6 Production
22nd July - Talent Show
22nd July - Prom
25th July - Leavers graduation assembly
25th July - Last day of Summer 2 Half Term
26th July - INSET Day

Diversity Calendar

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar we will be learning about:

13/4/24 Vaisakhi - Sikh new year
22/4/24 Earth Day
23/4/24 St George's Day
6-12/5/24 Deaf Awareness week
23/5/24 Vesak – Buddhist festival
9/6/24 Race Unity day
16-19/6/24 Eid-al-Adha
24-28/6/24 School Diversity Week
6-7/7/24 Al-Hijra/Muharram—Islamic New Year



P.E.

Did you know... exercise helps improve mental health and well-being?



Miss Moncaster continues to deliver our PE on a Tuesday and we continue our REAL PE with Mr Shaw on Thursdays. Please make sure children are wearing the right footwear for those days—not opened toed shoes or heeled shoes.

After school clubs continue for PE next term.

Production

As you may be aware, the production at the end of the year is tremendously important for our children. The opportunity to showcase their talents in music, dance and drama always brightens the final few weeks and fills us with joy and pride. Children will be asked to audition for parts early in the next term so they may have had a script with them over Easter to prepare. Encourage your child to take part .