

# Dovedale Primary School



## Happy New Year from Year 6

We hope all year 6 children and their families had a wonderful and restful Christmas break. It is fantastic to be back and we are looking forward to this important Spring Term and achieving all our goals as we work towards SATs in May. We also look forward to the exciting summer ahead, where we will do our best to reward our hard-working children for their efforts this year.

## What's happening this half term

**Maths**— children will further consolidate their understanding of number, place value and all other key areas of maths learning through a comprehensive, daily programme of study which should be consolidated through homework tasks which will reflect the learning in class.

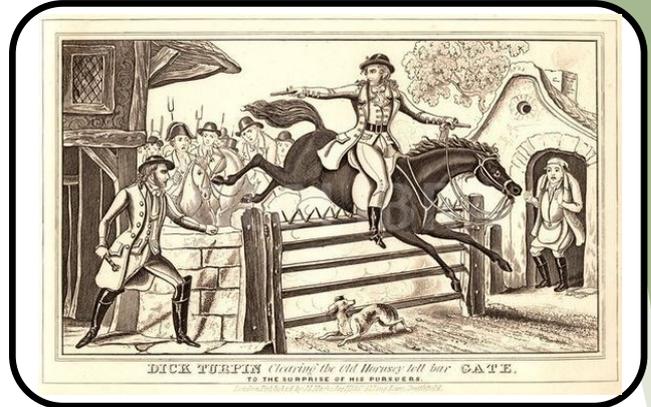
**Reading**—We now have a full afternoon of reading comprehension skills each week, in addition to guided reading and home reading. We must ask all parents to read with their children **three times per week** as part of their weekly homework tasks and put a comment in their reading record. This is of paramount importance in these final weeks leading up to SATs.

**Writing**—We continue to work towards a Friday writing task each week — all children have their own targets and know what they need to focus on in order to achieve the writing standard. End of Year Expectations are key to achievement, and these are accessible around the classroom, in their writer's toolkits and always through the tasks we deliver. Texts to look forward to are, Way Home, The Water Tower and The Tulip Touch.

**Science**— Our science topic is light. Pupils will learn the key vocabulary linked to the topic and investigate light sources, patterns, directions and shadows, writing scientific predications and explanations based on their findings.

**History**— Crime and punishment. Looking at timelines and the chronology of the Magna Carta and the development of criminal law, including torture methods through the different eras (Tudor-Victorian). We will use historical case studies like highwayman, Dick Turpin, to create courtroom drama scenarios and evaluate historical sources for reliability.

**SPAG**— Revising all of the learning that has taken place during KS2, through short daily tasks and fun games that will be consolidated through weekly online homework.



## PE/Clothing

PE will take place every Monday and kit must be school colours (not football kits).

The year 6 focus will be invasion games, including football. Children will work on skills, control, drills, team games and partner work in order to prepare for short competitions within lessons in the class.

## Supporting your child at home

We must ask that parents continue to support as best as they can in all areas of home learning this term, including online homework.

Maths and SPAG homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and will be linked to work covered that week in lessons.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Monday and tested on a Friday and children will be given additional arithmetic tasks if teachers feel they could do with the extra learning.

## School website/Twitter



Please continue to check our Year 6 webpage and twitter account for up to date information.  
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