



January 2025

### Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome to the Spring term, we hope you all had a wonderful Winter break and your 2025 is off to a great start.

Armin Greder  
THE ISLAND



#### Our learning this term

##### **Reading and Writing**

We are beginning the term studying 'The Island' by Armin Greder:

***Poignant and chilling, this allegory is an astonishing, powerful, and timely story about refugees, xenophobia, racism, multiculturalism, social politics, and human rights. When the people of an island find a man sitting on their shore, they immediately reject him because he is different.***

We are learning to analyse authorial intent and think deeply about the themes of this book: acceptance, tolerance, belonging, respect and treatment of others. Children will be making predictions and summarise key ideas. They will continue to practice retrieval of information, answering inference style question and apply new vocabulary.

In Writing, we are learning to consider different viewpoints: a group vs a newcomer in a dual narrative. We are also learning to write informal letters, explanation texts and recounts.

##### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as continuing to refine our arithmetic practise.

##### **SATs**

In preparation for the KS2 SATs, children need to be proficient in their use of timetables. Please encourage your children to use Times Table Rock Stars regularly.

Previous SATs papers for Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar can be found and downloaded from the internet free of charge. Please practise with your child whenever possible.

#### Clubs

Monday: Girls' football with Charlton Athletic  
Monday: Spanish.  
Tuesday: Nicole's Dance School  
Wednesday: Boys' football with Charlton Athletic

#### PE Weekly time table

P.E. – please ensure children are wearing appropriate P.E. kit (plain blue, black or white t-shirt and shorts/tracksuit bottoms, plain trainers/plimsolls)

- Hepworth – Monday and Tuesday
- Zephaniah – Monday and Tuesday
- Emin – Monday and Tuesday

#### Uniform

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform at all times:

- Black or dark grey skirt
- Navy or dark grey bib or zip front pinafore dress
- Navy and white gingham dress
- Black or dark grey tailored school trousers
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue round neck jumper or cardigan
- White or dark socks or navy blue tights
- Black low-heeled school shoes or PLAIN black trainers (no logos or motifs).

#### Homework

Homework will be given out weekly. It should be submitted by Wednesday morning at the latest.

**Reading must be done every night** and reading records should be brought in every day with 3 entries per week summarising what has been read.

#### Events

6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – British Values  
14<sup>th</sup> January - Olly Pike author visit  
20<sup>th</sup> January - Monday and Tuesday SATs Boosters begin  
Wb: 20<sup>th</sup> January - Chinese New Year  
Wb: 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Mental Health Week  
Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

#### Attendance and punctuality

Children need to be in class by 8:50am. Grammar and reading are the first lessons and a vital part of the day – especially as we have SATs in May. Being on time also means a settled start to the school day for your child. **It is essential children attend school to achieve their best in these tests.**