



**MARTON-CUM-GRAFTON**  
CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Spring Term 2017 Newsletter ~ Years 5 & 6**

For the next 8 weeks, Class 4 have the pleasure of welcoming Miss Poyser, a final-year student teacher, who will be teaching your children (alongside Mr Jelf/Mrs Yeadon).

This term Class 4 will be studying the following:

**Numeracy**

**Y5** will follow the Maths No Problem Scheme, looking at:

~ tables/graphs, fractions, decimals, geometry

**Y6** will be working on:

~ fractions/decimals/percentages, shape, coordinates, measures, data/tables/graphs

~ preparation for the end of Year 6 SAT tests

**Literacy**

~ general revision of narrative, non-fiction and poetry genres, with an emphasis on...

~ narrative and non-fiction writing

~ preparation for the English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test

~ "Reading Explorers" focusing on classic texts and famous authors

**Science**

~ the differences in the lifecycles of a mammal, amphibian, insect and bird

~ describing the changes as humans develop to old age

~ describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals

**History/Geography** (to include related **Art** and **D&T** work)

"An aspect or theme in British history (beyond 1066)"

Our focus will be "The Tudors."

**RE**

~ pilgrimages

**Music**

~ Charanga music scheme: "Britten ~ a tragic story"

~ starting to learn songs for the Summer musical show

**French**

~ Petit Déjeuner (breakfast)

**PE** (on Mondays ~ correct PE kit and footwear would be much appreciated)

~ gymnastics (including the award scheme)

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- ~ dodgeball
- ~ Hi-5 netball
- ~ Year 6 Bikeability (starting 1st March), so get your bikes ready and roadworthy, Year 6

## **Homework**

Each week, your child will have:

**Spellings**. This may be a “spellings-related” task, rather than learning a list of words off-by-heart, and will be given on Wednesdays. [Details of this homework will be written in Homework Diaries].

**SMIRF** (Space Mission Instant Recall Facts) targets to learn, including multiplication facts and tests.  
[Given by Mrs Yeadon on Thursdays].

### **A guided reading task**

This will be a set number of pages to read, followed by a written task (given weekly).

### **Independent reading**

Ideally, children should read at home on a daily basis.

As children become more and more competent with their reading, it is not always necessary to hear them read aloud, although this does help them to be expressive and can help them with their comprehension. It is far more important however, after your child has been reading independently, to discuss and ask questions about his/her books, as this helps to develop their comprehension skills and deepen their overall understanding of texts.

### **Numeracy homework**

This will be given on Fridays (for completion the by the following Wednesday).

It would be great if you would continue to have a close interest in your child's homework in order to help keep them motivated, to ensure it is completed punctually and to give them help and encouragement, if required.

**Please sign at the bottom of each and every completed homework task, just to acknowledge that you have seen (and hopefully approve of) your child's work.**

Many thanks (and happy New Year!)

Mr Jelf and Mrs Yeadon