



Burlish Park Primary

Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas. We are now looking forward to a very happy and successful New Year!

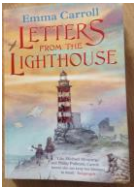


Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parent drop-in. We shared some ideas on how to read for meaning. We hope that you are still attempting to use the retrieve, infer and choice strategies that we shared. If you need any more sheets, we are happy to send them home upon request.

Teachers are in the process of replenishing their bookshelves so that the children have engaging and enjoyable books to read in school. If you are having a sort out after Christmas, we would welcome any books that are in good condition.

English Planning

During the spring term, we will be using the text *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll (1st half term) and the works of J.K Rowling (2nd half term) to inspire and enthuse the children.



- *Letters from the Lighthouse* is set in World War II and tells the story of an evacuee. We are looking forward to sharing this book with your child and hope to have some excellent writing as a result.



- We are really excited about the trip to Harry Potter World on Thursday 28th February. It is such a memorable day; one that will ignite imagination and creativity. We will be dipping in and out of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and The Chamber of Secrets.

If the children do have the books at home, they are welcome to bring them in to support their learning - we would encourage them to read the books in the series.

SATS revision

A lot of parents have asked for past papers and revision materials. Here are some useful web links:

Past SATS papers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-2-past-papers>

Bitesize Revision Games: <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>



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Dates for your diary

- Monday 7th January: Return to school.
- On Tuesdays the pupils will be completing the Health Kick Programme, delivered by the Kidderminster Harriers. These sessions will be starting on Tuesday 8th January and running until Tuesday 12th February.
 - Pupils need to bring in their PE Kit for PE lessons every **Monday and Tuesday** for the spring term.
- Friday 8th - Thursday 14th February: Mock SATS week.
- Monday 11th February - Thursday 14th February: Parents' Evenings.
- Friday 15th February: TED - School is closed to pupils on this day.
- Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February: Half term.
- Thursday 28th February: Harry Potter World Trip - Letter and details have been sent out. Please ensure that the full balance is paid by Thursday 14th February.
- Friday 8th March: SATS information meeting for parents 2.45pm.
- Friday 12th April: End of Term.
- Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May: SATS week.

SATs

*This term is a very important term for all pupils. It is important that absences are kept to a minimum and holidays are avoided. We aim to instil confidence into every child and encourage them to work to the best of their ability. If you have access to the internet at home, there is a list of recommended sites for English and Maths on the school website. We would like everyone to approach the coming SATs in a confident manner and with the **correct equipment; black pen, pencil, ruler and rubber.***

Uniform

We would like children to come to school wearing appropriate uniform. We also encourage children to look smart and think smart!

Our school rules:

- A tie to be worn at all times;
- Shirts to be tucked in;
- Black school shoes;
- No nail varnish, make up or large hairbands;
- Hair to be tied up if longer than shoulder length, if doing practical activities such as PE and cooking.