

YEAR 6 SPRING NEWSLETTER 2023

Welcome back to the Spring Term and welcome back to New Delaval! I hope that everyone had a restful Christmas and happy new year. This term is so important for Year 6 as we are preparing further for May's SATs tests. This term brings two exciting new topics which children will be studying – firstly, "Shang Dynasty" will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring our "Raging Rivers" topic.

Topic- Ancient China/Shang Dynasty

Our Topic and English work this half term will be based on China and the Shang Dynasty.

We will be investigating:

- History vs archaeology- which is more reliable?
- Why did the Shang kings need to write?
- Did the Shang people believe in the afterlife?
- Who was Fu Hao and why was she unusual?
- Who were the Shang kings and emperors?
- What do Ancient Chinese artefacts tell us about the Shang people?

In our 'Raging River topic, children will consider...

- Where does our water come from?
- What and where are the world's most famous rivers?
- What are the features of a river?
- What are erosion and deposition?
- How do we use rivers?
- Dams and floods.

Our science topics this term will be Light and Living Things and their Habitats.

We will continue to read Twitch by M.G Leonard

After half term, we will be reading 'Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier. This is about a family of children and their struggles moving through war-torn countries.

Our RE topics this term will be 'Why do Hindus want to be good?' and 'What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?'

Organisation:

Children need to make sure their planner is in every day and it is signed once a week. We need to see evidence of your child reading at home at least 3 times a week. All reading should be recorded in the diary. **I will sign the diaries on Fridays.** You will need to pay for replacement if the diary is lost.

PE will be on Mondays and Thursdays.

Homework is handed out on Friday and is expected in on Wednesdays. The consequence of no/incomplete homework is homework break. Homework is mainly online with the option to do it in breaks and in their homework book.

Again, children will receive their list of 50 topic-related spellings. They will practise these in school and at home. At the end of the half term there will be a test of the 50 questions. Last term's results were brilliant! 8 children got 50 out of 50!

There will be a following letter about SATs parents meetings after school on Tuesday 24th

