



# Akrotiri School



Year 6

Kipling and Sachar classes  
Spring 1 2022 - Information Guide

## Our learning this term:

Initially, we will be starting our term with a focus on science. We will be looking at the concept of light and how we see. Towards the middle of January, we will start a new topic, 'A Child's War'. This topic focuses on World War II, in particular through the eyes of children such as wartime evacuees. The World War II topic will provide the stimulus for much of our work in English. We will be reading stories and other texts, improving the children's comprehension skills and their ability to support their answers and ideas with evidence. There will also be a continual focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling.

In Mathematics, the focus to begin with will be on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also continue to ensure that the children become more proficient in arithmetic and will give regular opportunities to improve the children's skills in this area.

In PE, we will continue to swim for a few weeks and also undertake lessons in dance and invasion games.

Year 6 will also undertake the DARE 25 programme this term. This is normally taught in Year 5 but was missed due to Covid restrictions last year. This is run by Lucy from the SBAA police. It is aimed at allowing children to make informed and considered choices about alcohol and other harmful substances in the future. We will also finish off our Sex and Relationships education.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**PE.** Please bring your PE kits in on a Monday so they are in for the week. They should be returned on Friday.

**Swimming.** Year 6 swimming lessons will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit of close-fitting shorts (boys), a one-piece costume (girls), swimming hats. Jewellery should not be worn for swimming.

**SATS-** We will be sending out more information about Y6 assessments shortly.

## FOREST SCHOOL

Year 6 will have Forest School sessions this half term. They will start on the week beginning 24.01.22 with the final sessions in the week beginning 07.02.22. Kipling Class will be on a Thursday; Sachar Class on Friday. Children should come appropriately dressed for Forest School with sun cream, closed shoes, hats and water bottles. If children do not have the appropriate kit, they will not be able to participate. Please ensure children also remember a change of clothes in case they get wet.

## Reading homework

Reading regularly at home is crucial in Year 6 for helping children to make progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 6 is that the children read, at home, at least three times a week for a minimum of one hour in total. Reading Diaries are needed in school every day.

Pupils will complete the reading quizzes from Accelerated Reader when they have completed their books which should be done at home. Details of how to log on should be on the inside front cover of your child's Reading Diary. Your continued support with developing your child's reading is appreciated.

**Times Tables-** It is important that your child practices their times tables. So much of the Year 6 maths curriculum relies on children being able to quickly recall times tables facts, without having to count them on their fingers. Daily short sessions of TTRockstars, approx. 5-10 mins, are ideal.

**Spellings-** Your child has a Spelling Log Book which should go home every day and be back in school the following day. The log book contains spellings which are specific to your child's needs. The front of the book is used to log spellings which follow the rule being taught that week. The back of the book has lists of the 'tricky' spellings. Your child will highlight the ones they need to learn and tick off the ones learned.