



# Akrotiri School

Year 6

Sachar Class (Miss MacKenzie) and Kipling Class (Mrs Cotter)  
Spring 2 2022 - Information



## Our learning this term:

**ENGLISH** – We will start with ‘writing to persuade’ linked to our previous history topic of WW2. We will then move on to ‘writing to inform’ which will be linked to our geography unit.

**MATHS** – We will be looking at position and direction before deepening our understanding of number with work on decimals and percentages. After that, we will cover algebra, as well as continuing to develop proficiency in arithmetic skills.

We will continue to develop our reading and writing skills, focussing on grammar terminology and its application across a range of writing purposes. Spelling will also continue to have a focus this term as we help the children to improve the accuracy of their spelling and develop their vocabulary.

**SCIENCE** – We will be finishing our topic of Evolution before looking at Living Things and Habitats.

**GEOGRAPHY** - We will be covering a large geography unit of work based on South America – so lots of opportunities to look at eco systems and the rainforest!

### 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.

#### **Forest School**

We are not scheduled to have Forest School sessions this half term. It will begin again at the beginning of the Summer Term.

#### **Swimming**

Year 6 swimming lessons will also return in the Summer Term.

### TIMES TABLES

It is important that your child practices their times tables as knowledge of multiplication and division facts comes in to so many areas of maths and without this skill children struggle to access the learning. TTRockstars is a great way of perfecting recall and children do not need to spend a vast amount of time each day on this. In fact, daily short sessions of approx. 5-10 mins are more beneficial than longer sessions. Each child should have their log in details on the inside cover of their Reading Diary. Please contact your child's class teacher if they do not have this.

### Reading

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 four times a week for a minimum of one hour in total. However, we hope that the children will already be exceeding this target, or will aim to. The children need to use their Reading Diary to keep a record of their reading. Reading Diaries are needed in school every day.

Pupils will complete the reading quizzes from Accelerated Reader when they have completed their books which can now be done at home. Details of how to log on should be on the inside front cover of your child's Reading Diary. Remember, the class who quizzes the most wins a breakfast in the library!

Due to Covid restrictions, each class has a time slot to change their reading books, as well as designated time in the library to change non-reading books. Your continued support with developing your child's reading is appreciated.

### 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 should highlight the ones they need to learn and tick off the ones learned. However, it would be beneficial to spend a little time every day working through and practising the 'tricky' words.