



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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## Year 6 Newsletter - Spring 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and welcome you back for the beginning of the spring term in Year 6.

### Curriculum:

- In Literacy, the children will be exploring the topic of animal cruelty by writing discursive texts looking at the advantages and disadvantages of animals in captivity. This will link with our science topic of 'Animals including Humans' studying impacts of living conditions on health.
- Our numeracy lessons this term will begin with the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages before moving on to explore measurement, algebra and to consolidate our use of effective written methods when calculating. Alongside lessons, Mrs Shameem will continue to provide support for individuals and small groups.
- With the new year comes a new topic – Sri Lanka. We will be making comparisons between the UK and Sri Lanka, studying climate, standards of living and culture. This will also enable us to explore map skills including longitude and latitude referencing. Lastly, our RE lessons will focus on Buddhism; the most popular religion in Sri Lanka.
- New for 2018 is the introduction of 'Take One Picture' week. During the week beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> February all of the learning in class will be based on one image. This immersive topic will provide greater links between different areas of learning to create detailed and creative work.
- PE lessons will continue to happen twice a week with Mr Willimott leading indoor sessions on Tuesday afternoons. The children will also benefit from the specialist teaching of Mr Johnson (ICT) and Madame Watson (French).
- Home learning grids will be sent out each half term. With secondary school - and greater volumes of homework - not far away, we encourage children to take responsibility for ensuring they submit work on time and to a good standard. We recommend that children spend 20 -30 minutes on Home Learning each day.

### Diary Dates:

Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sycamore 6 Sharing Assembly
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Take One Picture Week
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chestnut 6 Sharing Assembly
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	The Technology Bus visit
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Consultations

As always, please feel free to approach any of the Year 6 team if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 team

Mr Morey, Mr Waygood, Mrs Kenny, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Patel and Mrs Shameem

