



Saturn Class Update!



GET READY TO:

LEARN **see** DO
read **EXPLORE**
question **GROW**
laugh **SMILE**
IMPROVE **SHARE**
try write **CONNECT**
imagine **DO YOUR VERY BEST**

Our learning in February to April 2025:

Our topic this term will be 'History on our doorstep'. This will involve learning about how the Industrial Revolution impacted Derbyshire. We will look at the mills, transport, inventions and more! On 17th March, we will have visitors in from Belper Mills to carry out three different workshops. We will be looking at the history of cotton, the life of a child working in the mills and how Belper/Derbyshire has changed. If you would like to support our learning you could take a trip to one of the Derwent Valley Mills.

English:

Our English work will begin with writing an explanation text on the Circulatory system from last terms science. This will be followed by writing a piece of suspense fiction based on 'The Nightmare Man.'

Maths:

This half term will mainly be a unit on fractions and will include:

- Calculating Percentages.
- Percentages of amounts.
- Ration and proportion.
- Algebra.

NB: Please see the class page for guides to Maths understanding.

As the term develops, we will be splitting into groups to focus on arithmetic strategies and reasoning practice.

Homework:

- Reading – DAILY (20 minutes a day at home). Reading journals will be checked on a Monday but should be in school, with their reading book, every day. Although each child is allowed to read independently at home, it is vital that occasionally parents listen to their child read and discuss their reading with them. Please add a signature when you have heard your child read.
- Reading Comprehension - handed out Mondays: completed and returned the following Monday.
- SPaG – handed out Mondays: completed and returned on Mondays.
- Spellings – Handed out Mondays; worked on during the week and tested on the following Monday.
- Maths – handed out on Friday to be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.

If your child is finding homework tricky, please support them and make a note about the form of this help. However, if they continue to struggle please make sure they seek help at school **before** the handing in date.

Useful information:

PE: Thursdays. PE kit (plain, white top; plain, dark shorts/trousers; dark jumper/hoodie; trainers NOT pumps; and socks). It is important children have the **correct uniform for PE**, the same as they would for a school day. Occasionally, we will have an additional Monday lesson which the children will be notified about.

Dates for the diary:

- 6th March – World Book day, M&M Theatre ‘Treasure Island’.
- 14th March – INSET DAY.
- 24th & 26th March – Parents Evening.

In Year 6, there is a great expectation on appropriate behaviour, not only in preparation for secondary school but also as the eldest children in school. This year, alongside educational expectations, children will be developing their independence, leadership skills and demonstrating an appropriate role model to other years throughout the school. I am confident that children will rise to this challenge admirably. Parental help and support, in installing appropriate behaviour, helping to develop effective study habits and building independence is essential and much appreciated.

Any queries or information to pass on can be via the school office - Julie.carter@littleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 831471 – or directly with myself at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mr Thomasson & the Year 6 team.