



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term newsletter for 6CY. Thank you for all of your kind words and warm wishes for the start of this new term and new line-up for the children. They have come back to school with an excellent attitude and positivity towards the changes. We are really looking forward to working with your children and getting to know them better! In 6CY we are very lucky to be supported by two fantastic LSAs – Mr Boswell and Mrs Hanke.

This term our topic is called 'Puzzles and Games' and the majority of the work will be based around this theme. The topic began with a Wow day on Tuesday, which involved the children working in a team to seek out and solve clues in order to find a code and break out of an 'Escape Room'! We had lots of fun – please do have a look at the photographs on the website.

During the term we will be finding out more about the world of puzzles and games. Through this topic we will be investigating circuits and using this to help form part of games that we will design and make in class. We will also be investigating the Mayan Civilisation and exploring their games, number systems and calendar. Our computing sessions will focus on games and puzzles we can create using Scratch. You are warmly invited to the culmination of this topic by joining us at our Games Café on Thursday 4th April 2-3.

Children will continue to receive homework in the form of a Learning Log activity (set Friday and due in on Tuesday) and MyMaths and SPAG online work (set Tuesday and due in on Friday). In addition, we expect the children to read regularly and record this in their reading diary. Please refer to our full Homework Policy on the school website.

Children must have a PE kit in school all week. This should be a pair of shorts, a plain t-shirt, jogging bottoms and jumper and a pair of trainers. Long hair needs to be tied up and all jewellery, including earrings should be removed for health and safety reasons. Please make sure everything is clearly labelled and in a bag to prevent things from getting lost.

Children will need to bring a book bag or rucksack to transport any homework and their reading record to and from school on a daily basis. They will also need a water bottle, which should contain only water and can be filled up using the water fountains during the day as needed. They may bring in a pencil case, however equipment will be available for them to use in the classroom.

All children should be dropped off and collected from the cloakroom door. Please remember that the school gates open at 08:40 all children should be in for the register to be taken at 08:50. If your child wishes to bring their phones to school, they need to drop them off in the office each morning and remember to collect them at the end of the day. If your child is being collected by a different adult to usual, please let us know. If you are happy for your child to walk home on their own, then we require written permission (permissions given last term are still valid).



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Below are some key dates for this term, but you can find the most up-to-date information, as well as photographs and videos of things the children have been doing, on our school website -

<http://www.ss-philip-and-james.oxon.sch.uk/>

Tuesday 15 th January	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 th January	Parents' Evening
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February	Half term
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd March	PGL
Thursday 4 th April	Games Cafe
Friday 5 th April	End of term

Of course the biggest (and most exciting) event of this term will be our visit to the PGL Centre Beam House in Devon! A recommended kit list is available on the website and further details will be sent to you in due course. We are certain that the children are excited about the visit, however it is perfectly normal for some to be slightly nervous or apprehensive. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you would like to discuss the trip or have any concerns.

Finally, but most importantly, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are both always available to discuss the learning of your child. We would much rather hear about any concerns or questions you may have, so please do approach us or contact the school office to make an appointment.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Gemma Chapman and Mrs Janet Young