



Sir Thomas Abney
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6

Apple and Walnut

Autumn Term 2017

1st Half

Staff in Class

***Cathy McKenzie & Kathryn
Edwards (Class Teachers)***

***Phoebe Ballantyne- Brown
(Teaching Assistants)***

Literacy

We have started a wonderful new book *Rooftoppers*. (Katherine Rundell) It is a story of a young girl rescued from a shipwreck, who is convinced that her mother also survived- the book touches on themes of identity, cultural differences and is an imaginative adventure story.

We are continuing to teach the children grammar, spelling and punctuation rules, to prepare them for their SATs test and beyond. Please help your child to practice their weekly spelling and check that their grammar homework has been completed properly. Reading will continue to be a priority this year- please ensure that your child reads daily and we urge you to take a keen interest in what your child is reading and encourage them to read a wide range of genres.

Numeracy

We will be focusing, this half term, on core number and calculation skills. Children will be practicing problem-solving using the four operations- please ask your child to show you what they have learnt in maths each week and give you examples of what they have been learning.

We will be revising place value, but also looking at sequences, number patterns such as squares and primes. We will be moving on to look at decimals, decimal fractions and percentages. Quick recall of times tables up to 12 x 12 is essential. The children have been using "Mathletics" since last September, they have been given their logins and this very safe programme encourages confidence and quick recall of number- please set them the challenge!

RE

What Jews believe their responsibilities are to God.

Key Routines

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday:

Thursday: Homework brought back

Friday: PE, Spelling test and homework given out.

Key Dates

Thu 14th Sep – Meet the Teacher at 3.30pm in the classroom

Fri 22nd Sep – Car Free Day

Trip To be confirmed

Homework

Each child has received a SATs question book for maths and SPAG this will be the basis of their weekly homework along with spellings for a weekly test.

In addition children should be reading for at least 30minutes every evening.

How you can help your child at home?

Read with your child.

Check homework is completed to a high standard.

Practise spellings and times tables

Work on children's handwriting at home.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How humans are different from other animals
- About the brain and the nervous system
- About the bones and muscles in the body
- How the human heart works
- How we breathe and what the lungs do
- What we inherit from our parents
- How our environment affects us
- How the body uses food and water
- About the latest medical research

Being Human

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In International, we'll be finding out:

- About a major global health problem

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan and prepare a healthy meal