# Skylark and Galaxy Y6 Class : Spring 2 Newsletter

## What will we be learning this half term?

### English

Spring 2 will begin with focus on The Festival of The Spoken Word before moving onto setting and character description through the story 'Black Beauty'.

### Mathematics

Our spring topics are: fractions, decimals and percentages, statistics, as well as area, perimeter and volume.

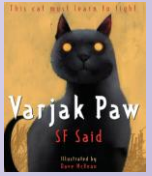
### Phonics/Spelling

This half term we will be focusing on the Y5/6 spelling list, along with covering rules:

- Words beginning with 'acc'
- Prefixes – dis, un, over and im

### Recommended Home Reads

He's never left home, until he receives a mysterious visit from his grandfather who tells him about The Way - a secret martial art for cats – *Varjake Paw by SF Said.*




### Foundation Subjects

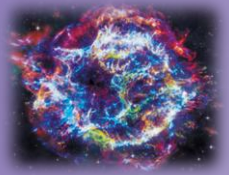
In Spring 2, we will cover the following topics: Life Cycles in science and the Windrush Generation in history. We look more deeply into the Easter Story in RE. In Y6, our focus is understandably on our upcoming SATs, so we have decided to block some subjects for after May when we can really enjoy them and delve a little deeper.

## Upcoming dates

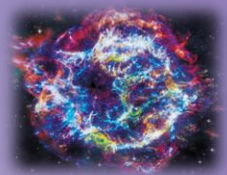
- 13th March – Swimming begins for some of year 5 and 6
- 20th March – Red Nose Day
- W/B 23/03 Learning Circle week 4
- 24/03 Spelling Bee
- 27th March – Last day of term
- 14th and 15th April – Book Looks
- W/B 20th April – Parent/teacher meetings
- Week beginning 11th May SATs week

### General notices

P.E days are:
Mrs Patterson and Mrs Whiles: Monday and Friday.
Ms Watson: Monday and Friday.
Our topics will be circuits or swimming and basketball.



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## You can support our learning even further...

### As the term progresses, test us on...

**In preparation for our SATs, some really useful areas to work on at home are:**

**Maths – Fractions, Decimals and Percentages:**

Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions by both integers and other fractions. Finding fractions and percentages of amounts.

**Grammar – Word classes and punctuation**

Identifying different types of words in sentences based on their function. (determiners, preposition, adverbs, adjectives, nouns etc) Being able to identify where sentences are incorrectly punctuated.

### Question us about...

Our reading:

Retrieve – can we find actual evidence in a text. E.g. Who in the story speaks Spanish?

Infer – How do you think she was feeling? Why?

Vocabulary – What does the word *'secured'* mean?

### Ask us to explain...

Grammar:

- Active and passive voice
- Past, present, past and present perfect, past and present progressive
- Standard English using was/were, is/are, did/done correctly.

### See if we can remember...

Our times tables! All maths is so much easier if you can recall your times tables quickly. Spend time on TTRS or hit the button and get quicker at recall.

How to do long division and long multiplication.

How to spell words from both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 lists – these are challenge words on Spelling Shed.