

Welcome to the first half of the Spring Term

This term tends to fly by, especially since it's so short, but we still aim to cover a significant portion of the foundation curriculum.

We're currently busy finishing the waistcoats the children began designing before Christmas. Over the last three weeks, they've been hard at work, adjusting their templates (including adding seam allowances), pinning the templates to fabric, tracing around them, and carefully cutting out the pieces. Amazingly, pricked fingers from pins have been few and far between!

We've reached the sewing stage last week, where the children were learning to:

- thread a needle (a few "ouch" moments there!);
- tie knots;
- sew a running stitch to join the shoulder and side seams of their waistcoats.

Once the sewing is complete, the waistcoats are decorated using fabric pens. I've been so impressed by the children's enthusiasm and focus throughout this project!

When our DT topic is complete, we'll move on to our next computing unit, which explores the historical role of Bletchley Park and the development of computing. You can find more details about what we'll be covering this term in history, geography, and science on the curriculum map.

In maths, we're continuing our work on fractions, while in English, we'll be delving into *Zoo* by Anthony Browne. Please could I ask that your child avoids reading the book in advance, as much of our learning involves class discussions and predictions.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evening after half-term (Monday, 24th February). There will also be a SATs meeting later in the second half-term.

From a SATs perspective, the children have already completed two full sets of practice papers, so they're familiar with the format and know what to expect. To support the run-up to SATs, we'll also be sending home maths homework to help revise the topics covered in class last term. The answers to the homework will be sent home the following week.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Best wishes,

Mrs Cooper and The Year 6 Team