

Year 6 Newsletter

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Welcome



Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a good Christmas holiday. This next term will be important in terms of homework and reading. Any extra support that you can give your child will be greatly appreciated.

This term Year Six will continue to be taught by Mr Brown and Mrs Blackbourn. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Maths



Year 6, will be working on the number system and mental calculation skills. We will begin with sequencing numbers and we will be doing co-ordinates. We will further develop our skills using ratio and proportion and use our division and multiplications to solve real-life problems. Time, shape and measures of liquids and weights will also be covered on Thursdays as well as line-graphs and pie charts. The children still need to learn their times tables from $6x$ to $12x$. Many know them but struggle to recall them quickly. Any help would be greatly appreciated. There will be lots of revision too. On Fridays, Year 6 will be taught problem solving and times tables.

English



In English, we will be reading extracts from H.G. Wells and completing a range of activities based on this author. We will continue to revise and develop our writing skills, particularly focusing on stories with diary entries and flashbacks. We will also be focusing on different comprehension skills. We will be writing narratives and exploring different viewpoints, recounts, letters and reports.

There will also be sessions focusing on spelling and grammar, as well as speaking and listening activities.

Topic



This term, we will be working on our topic `What a Wonderful World`. We will be focusing on the Geography of the earth. As part of the work we will be designing a calendar and we will be using atlases to locate different food from around the planet. There will be lots of geography skills involved such as plate tectonics and a look at the different layers within the earth. We will be completing small homework projects based on these topics and it is hoped that the children will enjoy researching and making them.

Science



In Science this term our first topic is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will be learning about how fossils provide us with information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago and how offspring are similar to, but not identical to, their parents. We will then be moving on to look at living things and their habitats, learning how plants and animals are classified into groups.

R.E.



In RE we will start the term by continuing to learn about Christian Beliefs and Values and reflect on their relevance for ourselves, our class and our school. We will be particularly focusing on the 'Life of Jesus'. We will also continue to explore Christian worship, reflecting on the importance of this for Christians.

During the term we will also be exploring, and reflecting on the importance of the festival of Easter for Christians. We will also be looking at the five pillars of Islam, looking at the way Muslims pray, fast and go in pilgrimage.

General News



Our main PE day is Monday, so your child will need his/her kit in school on this day. Please ensure that all kit is named so that it can be returned to its owner if lost! We hope to also have some outdoor sessions, weather permitting. These will be later in the week so it would be helpful if PE kits could be left in school all week.

Homework is usually given to children on Monday and should be returned to school the following Friday. Please encourage your child to return homework by that day so that the next homework can be prepared on time. There may be extra homework given over the next few weeks and I would ask if you could support your child and the school with this. There are spellings tests every Friday and I would ask that children learn these through the week. It is just as important that this homework is completed on time too! As the children are now into their booster classes it is important that they try to attend as many as possible as these are of enormous help in building their confidence and levels of understanding. Any support is greatly appreciated. We are happy for reading books to be taken home but they need to be brought back **each day** to read during our daily reading sessions.