



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! This is a busy term running up to SATs with SATs week approaching after Easter and the children have shown us they are motivated and ready to take on the challenges of a new term. We have another parents evening for you to come and find out how your child is progressing in both English and Maths on the 6th and 7th March, but if you have any questions before this, then don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to seeing you soon. The Year 6 Team.

The Team



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Subject overviews

English

During the first half term we will be focusing on Planet Earth as the basis for our Writing in English. The children will write a range of fiction and non-fiction pieces about endangered animals. Our English topic during the second half term is 'The Abyss'. This unit of work will require the children to use their imagination fully as we dive into the unknown. Throughout the term, there will be a specific focus on spelling. As we approach SATs, we will be spending time revising spelling rules and patterns from the Year 5 curriculum as well as continuing to learn new Year 6 words. We will also dedicate more time to revisiting pieces of work with specific editing time to improving their writing.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of topics in Maths including fractions and decimals, ratio and proportion, algebra, statistics and measure. There will be an increasing focus on developing reasoning skills, as we concentrate on applying their number skills to everyday problems. As well as this, there will be more opportunity for the children to earn their times table certificates: for this we encourage daily practise of the times table facts of the level they are working towards.

Science

In line with our 'Planet Earth' topic, our Science Unit this half term will be 'Electricity. This will link to our work on sustainability in DT. Following this, we will be building on previous learning of Physics, such as Space, Forces, and Materials. Children will also continue to extend their questioning skills as we focus on the understanding of scientific enquiry, which teaches the principles of fair testing, scientific questioning and drawing conclusions.

Computing

The children will be using their skills in computing to conduct some market research in to the car industry alongside our 'Car of the Future' topic. They will also be using computer aided design (CAD) to help them design their cars. After this, the children will be developing their coding skills using the programme Scratch.

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Homework

Spellings

The children will still receive new spellings on a Wednesday which will be stuck in their log books. They will be tested the following Wednesday.

Reading

We ask that children are listened to while they read for about 10 minutes a day. They have an appropriate reading book given to them by the school but they could also choose to read a book from home or the library. Please support them by recording their reading in their organisers.

Children who read at least 5 times per week are awarded merits.

Maths

The children will be set maths homework at least once a fortnight depending which group they are in. This will usually be on MyMaths. If the children need additional support or access to a computer to complete it they can attend homework club.

Homework Project

This term your child will be set a homework linked to our learning across the curriculum. Thank you for your support with this. Further details will follow.

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Geography

In our Geography lessons we will be looking at the physical features of rivers and how this impacts on physical environment and human lives in areas such as South America. In the second half term we will be building our atlas skills looking at features such as the Greenwich Meridian Line and time zones as well as using maps to understand grid references and compass directions.

DT

In the first half term we will be designing a car for the future, using DT skills such as designing, planning, cutting and measuring as well as reviewing.

Art

During the second half term, we will be focussing on Art again, as we create our own abyss creatures linking with our writing in English. We will be creating 2D and 3D pieces of art using a range of media and techniques.

PSHE

To begin the year, and as we begin another important new start, we will be looking at 'Living in the wider world'. There will be a focus on developing financial understanding including budgeting and understanding the principles of enterprise

RE

In RE this term we will be looking at Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. We will look at what it means to be part of these religions and what festivals they celebrate and how people act in accordance with their beliefs.

French

Our work this term in French is based on the topic of "clothing". The children will read some French story books as an introduction and will then have the opportunity to make their own stories. All children have access to the website www.linguafun.eu if they wish to top up on their skills at home.

Music

Children will develop their understanding of street music. They will use rhythm and movement to develop a performance and extend their skills in harmony and dynamics to develop their performance.

Games / PE

In PE the children will develop their dance and accumulate all their gymnastics skills to compose a paired sequence. They will create and perform this sequence using mats and apparatus for an audience of peers. In Games we will be using Tag Rugby, Netball and Basketball to help develop our invasion skills. We aim to use these skills to help us participate effectively in a number of competitive games / activities.

Diary Dates

31st January —Year 6 height and weight

4th February —Assessment Week

14th & 15th February—Beauty & the Beast

18th & 19th March—Parents Evening