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Year 6 - Spring Term Newsletter

Curriculum News

This term's topic is titled 'Out and About.' The first half term will focus on North America, using the short films 'Swing of Change' and 'Paperman' to study New York. The second half-term's focus book is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. In maths, we will be covering units on algebra; area, perimeter, and volume; fractions, decimals, and percentages; ratio and statistics. Also, we will be covering classification, evolution and adaptation in science, and the physical and human geography of North America, as well as studying climate zones, volcanoes, and earthquakes. In RE we will be studying the unit 'What matters most?' focussing on Christian values of love, forgiveness, justice, and fairness; and in PSHCE, we will be continuing to learn about taking responsibility for our own actions to keep ourselves and others safe.

In computing, the children will be following the Purple Mash scheme of work, completing units on spreadsheets using Excel and blogging. We will be creating New York street-scenes in art and designing earthquake-proof buildings in DT. We will also be further developing our understanding of Spanish over the course of the year and doing music following the Charanga online scheme with Mrs Rowntree. Our PE sessions will be on a Thursday and Friday. On Thursdays, we will be doing outdoor PE so please make sure your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing and footwear. This includes ensuring earrings can be removed. Friday PE sessions will be indoors, but correct PE kit will still be required.

Homework

In preparation for secondary school, the children in Year 6 will continue to be given regular homework, which is always recorded in their individual Homework Diaries. *We ask parents/carers to support their child by checking they have completed any homework set and signing the diary at the end of the week.*



Reading - The children are expected to read at home at least 4 times a week and will have free choice of books from the bookshelf in the classroom or their own book from home, which will need to be checked by an adult for its appropriateness. This should be recorded in their homework diary,

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either by the children themselves, if they are reading independently, or by the adult they have read to. The children will be expected to change their own reading books as and when they need to.

Maths – Children's individual Maths workbooks will be sent home weekly, with a focus page to complete which will reinforce current learning. In addition, the children need to continue working on this term's KIRF targets regularly. For the first half term this is: **I know common fraction, decimal and percentage equivalences** and for the second half term the KIRF target is: **I know the first 5 cube numbers.**



Spellings – Children's individual spelling workbooks will be sent home once or twice a week to practice that week's rule / letter pattern that they have been investigating. They will also be encouraged to work on 'SPELLING SHED' where they can access games and complete weekly assignments.

Other News

The Year 6 Educational Visit to Carlton Lodge is booked for w/c 5th February 2024. Please check at the office regarding outstanding payments and please ensure payment is made in full by **Monday, 30th January**. There will be a parents' information meeting on Tuesday 16th January at 3:30pm in the year 6 classroom. A separate letter will be sent out this week with more information about the trip and we are looking forward to a fun and action-packed week!



The end of KS2 Assessment 'SATs' week is scheduled for w/c 13th May 2024. It is important that all children are present in school during SAT's week.

I am looking forward to a busy, exciting, and enjoyable term. With continued fantastic attitudes, effort, and enthusiasm. I am sure the children will all have a productive and successful term! Thank you for your continued support. Any questions, please call the office and ask for me to give you a call back!

With very best wishes,

Mr Kris Starkey

Year 6 Class Teacher