



Year 6 Newsletter

Spring Term - Class Teacher Mr Peart

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Our termly newsletters are designed to give you a guide as to the work that your child will be studying. There are always occasions when some topics take longer than expected or when a news item makes it necessary to adapt our plans, but in general this guide should be quite reliable! Keep an eye out for television programmes, newspaper articles, etc which might be helpful in increasing your child's understanding of these topics.

Maths

In Math's this term will be starting by building on and consolidating the children's knowledge of ordering decimals. This will include to whole numbers and also to the nearest tenth or hundredth. After this we will be moving on to multiplying and dividing numbers. This includes multiplying decimals. The children will also use and apply algebraic formulae. We will then use data/information to solve problems, this includes gathering results and displaying them in charts. We will develop interpretation skills. Following this we will develop our estimating skills and use them as a tool to help check our answers.

English

Throughout all of the units, children will be working through their SATs books. These will be used in class and also as homework. We will start this term by looking at narrative with flashbacks, this includes identifying what a flashback is and how it can be used. The children will produce their own examples of flashback writing. We will then look at a range of narrative texts and identify features that make them an example of good narrative writing. We will then finish the term with two units of non-fiction. This will be a unit based on argument, in which the children will have

Science

to write a balanced piece. Finally we will look at formal and informal writing. This will include when they are to be used appropriately and specific features of each writing style. There will continue to be a big emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as improving our writing style. Science this term will consolidate the knowledge from the last term with a subject knowledge test. We will then go on to look at electricity and in particular circuits. Any knowledge that the children have or can research at home will be greatly appreciated in

Ongoing Work

Children will be provided with a reading book and this should be taken home at the end of each day. Children are encouraged to try and read from their **reading book most nights** in order to continue progressing with their reading skills. Reading records should be signed when the book has been read and comments made in reading records if necessary. Children will be given homework on a Thursday in order for it to be handed in the following Thursday. As the children are in year 6 they will receive an English and a Maths piece of homework weekly.

Foundation Subjects

In **Geography**, we will be improving our geographical knowledge by studying various rainforest around the world. This includes their location and how they impact on humans and animals. In **History** we will be looking at Britain since the 1940s, we will identify and discuss similarities and differences. In **R.E** we will be focusing on the Hindu satges of life as well as a unit on Sikhism. After half term we will look at who exactly Jesus was and also his ascension. **Music** this year will be taught by myself and also a music specialist on a Tuesday afternoon, the children will start by looking at singing in rounds and then how to develop percussion. In **P.E** we will be working on two games units, these include the key skills of netball and also net and wall games. Mrs Kennedy will continue to be teaching the class **Art/DT** and also **PSHE**. They will start by looking at the unit 'Inspired by nature', this links to the geography topic of the rainforest and will result in the children constructing their own 3D rainforest collage.

Additional homework may be set depending upon where it is needed, and the children will be provided with the information.

Finally every Friday the children will also either be tested on their times tables or receive a mental maths test to help them with the quick recall of mental calculations.

Children must revise from their SAT books at home.