

## Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 2 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 6 Team welcome you all back to school and hope you had a rested and relaxed half term break. Our learning focus this half term is 'Citizenship and the World'. Below we have outlined what we will be covering as part of this topic, in addition to our English and Maths work. We hope that you will get involved in your children's research and contribute to their learning by discussing and supporting their schoolwork at home.

### Attendance

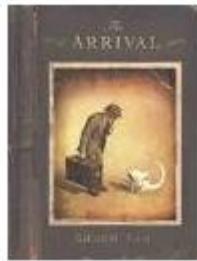
It is important that your child's attendance remains above 97.5% so that they do not fall behind.

### As readers and writers...



Our focus text for this half term is 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan.

We will be using the book to delve into the key themes of dilemmas, drama and debate; in order to ensure a broad and balanced understanding of these themes we will be exploring writing in prose and drama.



*The Arrival* tells a universal story of immigration. The story is about a man leaving his home to find work and support his family, whose home has apparently become unsafe. The graphic novel conveys messages of solitude, alienation, and hope in a foreign land.

Every child will read every day and additionally, they may select books from the library. Spellings will be coming home weekly and be tested in class.

### As mathematicians we will...+ =



#### Fractions

- use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination
- compare and order fractions, including fractions  $>1$
- add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions
- multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form [for example,  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$  ]
- divide proper fractions by whole numbers [for example,  $\frac{1}{3} \div 2 = \frac{1}{6}$  ]
- associate a fraction with division and calculate decimal fraction equivalents [for example, 0.375] for a simple fraction [for example,  $\frac{3}{8}$  ]

#### Geometry: Position and Direction

- describe positions on the full coordinate grid (all 4 quadrants)
- draw and translate simple shapes on the coordinate plane, and reflect them in the axes

### As theologians...

We will be learning about leaders and teachers within Buddhism. Big question: How can we learn from others?

### As linguists we will...

Learn Chinese pictograph  
天 地 人 金 木 水 火 土  
口 耳 目 日 月 水 火  
and use Duo Lingo to support our understanding.

### Using technology...

This half term we will be learning about how to keep our information safe online. Our computing focus will be building animations.

### As scientists...

We will be investigating the classification of living things. We will be using the research of Carl Linneaus to classify all living things, from the largest mammals to microorganisms.

## Citizenship and the World

### As sports people we can...

A Crystal Palace Sports Specialist will be teaching Year 6 outdoor PE each week. This will include outdoor sports, ball skills and handball. Indoor PE will focus on gymnastic skills and will be taught by class teachers.

### As artists and designers...

Our focus is using reflection and texture in painting. Our study artist is Andre Derain and we will be creating landscape art, using observed techniques.



### As historians we will...

Investigate and research the causes and effects of World War II on the world and humanity.

### As good citizens...

We will be thinking about British Values and being global citizens. We will learn more about democracy and the importance of having your voice heard.

### As musicians...

We will enjoy an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with a focus song, we will listen and appraise other songs.

### As geographers...

Year 6 will study biomes around the world and their locations. A case study of Brazil and rainforest environments will concentrate on deforestation.

## Notices and reminders

- PE sessions will be on **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY** afternoons. Please ensure that your child brings their P.E kit to school every week.
- In Year 6, it is vital that children continue to read and discuss books with adults. It is expected that this will happen every day for at least 20 minutes. Children must write down their opinions and observations in their Reading Records. Parents should sign.
- **Homework:** There will be English and Maths homework each week and 10 spellings that will be tested the following week. Homework will be set on Fridays and must be handed in no later than Wednesday morning the following week. Please sign to say you have seen it. Children will continue to use Times Tables Rockstars to consolidate understanding of number patterns. Tested spellings are all on Spelling Shed and will be allocated by the class teacher on a rolling program.
- Please remind your child to be 'learning ready' when they come into class. I-pad charged, PE kit, reading book, homework etc.
- If you have any further questions, we will be in the playground each afternoon at 3.25pm and are more than happy to talk.
- Don't forget your Soft Start invitations are valid all year round! We're here from 8.30am Monday-Thursday to support you in your learning.

Thank you for your support.

### Year 6 Team

#### **Eagle**

Class Teacher: Mr Morgan

#### **Hawk**

Class Teacher: Mrs Francis

Teaching Assistant: Miss Petch