

## Year 6 Newsletter Spring 1 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Our learning focus this half term is 'Heritage and Culture'. 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.

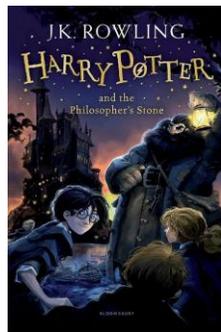
<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	
Eagle: 95.3%	Hawk: 95.9%
<b>Target: 97.5%</b>	

### As readers and writers...



Our focus text for this half term will be 'Harry Potter' by JK Rowling.

We will be using 'The Philosopher's Stone' and 'The Chamber of Secrets' book to delve into the key themes. In order to ensure a broad and balanced understanding of the themes, we will explore writing a narrative and NCR.



On Harry Potter's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

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...



#### Decimals:

- Identify decimals to 2 decimal places
- Understand thousandths
- Identify numbers to three decimal places
- Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000
- Multiply and divide decimals by integers
- Decimals as fractions
- Converting fractions to decimals



#### Percentages:

- Understand percentages
- Converting fractions to percentages
- Finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages (FDP)
- Percentages of an amount
- Percentage missing values

#### Algebra:

- Find one-step and two-step rules
- Forming expressions
- Substitution and formulae
- Forming and solving equations (one-step and two-step)
- Finding pairs of values
- Explaining different possibilities

### As theologians...

We will be looking at Buddhist literature and Art. Big Question: Do we affect others?

### As linguists we will...

Year 6 will learn how to shop for souvenirs with our brand new Mandarin teacher. They will learn to describe a souvenir with positive or negative adjectives.

### As budding techies...

This half term we will be learning about how to include text as part of creating a computer program.

### As scientists...

We will be aiming to understand evolution and inheritance. Looking at both humans and animals, we will look at adaption and using fossils as evidence to show evolution.

### As athletes...

Coach Marcus will be teaching Year 6 outdoor PE each week. This will include outdoor sports, ball skills and handball. Indoor PE will focus on fitness and gymnastic skills and will be taught by class teachers indoors.

## Heritage and Culture



### As artists and designers...

Our focus is creating 3D collages, using techniques such as coiling and overlapping to add to a painted, printed or drawn backgrounds.

### As historians we will...

Be recapping the Victorian period and looking at the impact of the industrial revolution on modern day Britain.

### As good citizens...

We will be thinking about Heritage and Values. We will be thinking about drug use, peer pressure and when to demonstrate live-saving skills.

### 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 learn what digital mapping is and be fluent with an atlas or globe. Children will be comfortable with using an eight-point compass.

## 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