

Year 6 Newsletter Spring 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 6 Team welcome wishes you a 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.

Attendance

Eagle: 92.5% Hawk: 92.3%
Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers...

Our focus texts for this half term will be 'Rose Blanche' by Christophe Gallaz and 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.

We will be using the two texts to delve into the key themes. In order to ensure a broad and balanced understanding of the themes, we will explore writing a diary and a newspaper report.



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...

We will be finishing the objectives relating to addition, fractions from Autumn 2 before moving on to the following.

Decimals:

- Identify decimals to 2 decimal places
- Understand thousandth
- 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
- 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...

Year 6 will learn how to talk about foods, other countries, time and directions. They will use these skills to make a menu plan and a travel plan.

Using technology...

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.

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As sports people we can...

Coach Marcus will be teaching Year 6 outdoor PE each week. This will focus on all-over body fitness. Indoor PE will focus on fitness and gymnastic skills and will be taught by class teachers indoors.

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 designers....

Research and analyse motorised cars before constructing our own motorised car. We will then test and evaluate our product.

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 Heritage and Values. We will be thinking about drug use, peer pressure and when to demonstrate life-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 comfortable with using an eight point compass.

Notices and reminders

- PE sessions will be on **WEDNESDAY** 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 Sumdog and Maths Shed to consolidate understanding and recalling of maths facts. 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.

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Team

Eagle

Class Teacher: Ms Fisher

Hawk

Class Teacher: Ms Man

Teaching Assistant: Ms Sarah, Ms White and Ms Eaves