

# Year 6 Newsletter

## Spring 2 2023



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 'Building a sustainable 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:

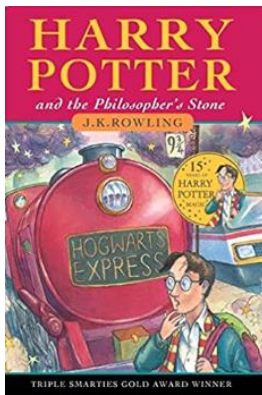
It is important that your child's attendance remains above 97.5% so that they do not fall behind.

Eagle: 92%      Hawk: 92.1%

**Target: 97.5%**

### As readers and writers...

Our focus text for this half term is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K. Rowling.



This is a story about a young orphan, called Harry Potter, who discovers he is a wizard at the age of 11. The book follows his first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry where he learns to play the game Quidditch. We will be writing a narrative based on the Quidditch match. We will also be writing a non-chronological report (information page) based around the book.

Every child will read every day and additionally, they may select books from the library. We will be reading a range of texts and focusing on VIPERS to help us develop our comprehension skills. Spellings will be coming home weekly and be tested in class.

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

We will start by finishing off our learning on decimals and percentages from Spring 1 and then move on to:

Converting Units:

Metric measures

Convert metric measures

Calculate with metric measures

Miles and kilometres

Imperial measures

Area, perimeter and volume:

Shapes - same area

Area and perimeter

Area of a triangle (1)

Area of a triangle (2)

Area of a triangle (3)

Area of parallelogram

What is volume?

Volume - counting cubes

Volume of a cuboid

Ratio:

Using ratio language

Ratio and fractions

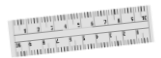
Introducing the ratio symbol

Calculating ratio

Using scale factors

Calculating scale factors

Ratio and proportion problems



### As theologians...

We will be learning about signs and symbols within Buddhism. Our big question will be: How do our surroundings affect us?

### As scientists...

We will be investigating electricity, both manufactured and natural. Also, how circuits work, how the altering of flow affects effectiveness and if we can prove or disprove a scientific hypothesis.

### As artists and designers ...

We will create lino prints in the style of Andy Warhol using pop art style colour and design. In DT, we will be looking at solar and wind power and constructing a solar powered house.

### As good citizens...

We will be looking at the habits of forgiveness and consideration. We will research Emmeline Pankhurst, as part of work on International Women's Day. We will think about the need to be critical of the media and not believe everything we are told. Finally, we will think about how to manage our finances and what's next for us, when primary school ends.

### As linguists...

We will learn the names of classroom equipment and use this vocabulary in a range of scenarios including borrowing it, purchasing it and handing it out.

## Building a sustainable world



### As historians...

We will be exploring the life of Greta Thunberg including creating a time line of her life and of key events in her life that are related to the theme of building a sustainable world.

### As geographers...

We will be learning about the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. We think about what the goals are, which countries are most impacted by climate change and what need to be done to make a difference. We will think about how to be changemakers.

### Using technology...

This half term we will be learning about copywrite and ownership online. Our computer science focus will be on using loops and considering the benefits of this and using variables to replace values.

### As sports people...

We will continue to have a Crystal Palace Sports Specialist teaching Year 6 PE each week This half term our topics will include outdoor and adventurous activity, in the form of orienteering, and badminton.

### 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 to and appraise other songs.

## Notices and reminders

- **PE sessions** will be on **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY** afternoons. Please ensure that your child brings their PE 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 record their opinions and observations on the boomhub website.
- **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 to consolidate understanding of the maths we have covered. 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. iPad charged, PE kit, reading book, homework etc.
- 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: Miss Fisher

Teaching Assistant: Miss Sarah, Miss Eaves, Miss White

#### **Hawk**

Class Teacher: Miss Man