

Year 6 Newsletter

Spring 2 2024

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:

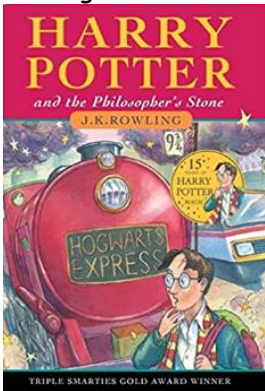
It is important that your child's attendance remains above 97.5% so that they do not fall behind.

Eagle: 95.7% Hawk: 94.5%

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 fractions and decimals from Spring 1 and then move on to:

Fractions, decimals and percentages:

- Decimal and fraction equivalents
- Fractions as division
- Understand percentages
- Fractions to percentages
- Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages
- Order fractions, decimals and percentages
- Percentage of an amount - one step
- Percentage of an amount - multi-step

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Area, perimeter and volume:

- Shapes - same area
- Area and perimeter
- Area of a triangle - counting squares
- Area of a right-angled triangle
- Area of any triangle
- Area of a parallelogram
- Volume - counting cubes
- Volume of a cuboid

Statistics:

- Line graphs
- Dual bar charts
- Read and interpret pie charts
- Pie charts with percentages
- Draw pie charts
- The mean

We will then go back and cover ratio, algebra and converting units from Spring 1.

As theologians...

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



As computer scientists...

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 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 athletes...

This half term our topics will include outdoor and adventurous activity, in the form of orienteering, which we will carry out around the school. We will also be developing our skills in playing a game over a net and our focus will be on badminton.



As good citizens...

We will be looking at the habits of forgiving 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



As linguists...

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Pencil

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.

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 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 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.



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. We will be learning to sing and play the song, 'You've got a Friend.' by Carole King. We will compare this to other songs on a similar theme and in a similar style.

Notices and reminders

- Please encourage the use of Maths Shed and Sumdog at home. These are both excellent resources to develop your child's mathematical fluency. Each week a Sumdog task is set which is part of the homework.
- Please ensure that your child is reading daily and recording this in their reading record. It is expected they will record in it at least 5 times over a week. Please try and listen to your child once a week and sign their reading record. They will get a reward for each completed page.
- Homework will be set every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday morning at the latest. There is a task and arithmetic questions. This can be completed on Showbie or in the homework book. Please try and comment on your child's work.
- Please ensure that your child is learning the weekly spellings. These can be found on Showbie and on Spelling Shed. They will be tested on the following Friday.

- Please help your child to learn the facts in the Maths Fact File set each week. This can be found on Showbie and is a set of facts which children will need to know for their SATs. There will be a test on Friday.
- On Showbie, each week, there are maths, reading and grammar questions that are in the SAT style. Although optional, this is a good way for your child to practise answering this style of question in preparation for May.
- PE is on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. The children must ensure that their PE kits to school.
- Soft starts will be Monday to Thursday from 8:40.
- We will be going to the Natural History Museum on 27th March and will be back late (4pm).
- We are hoping to visit Ashburton Library one Monday in March - we will keep you posted.
- 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

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