

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Dear Year 6 parents/carers and children,

Year 6 Curriculum Letter- Spring (2nd half)

Message from the teachers

Well done Year 6 – we have begun the spring term brilliantly and continued to demonstrate excellent behaviour and a positive attitude to learning. Keep it up! This curriculum letter will outline the lesson topics for the next half term, and all that we have to enjoy before the Easter break.

Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

Year 6 Staffing

Aspen class teacher: Mr Hackman

Elm class teacher: Mrs Pankhania

Meranti class teacher: Mr Coren

Year 6 learning support assistants: Mrs Clarke, Mrs Gaffney, Miss Merrick, Mrs Sehmi, Mrs Skull and Mrs Thomas

Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

aspenclass@harefieldjunior.com

elmclass@harefieldjunior.com

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Homework

Homework, along with answers, will be emailed to parents every Monday and should be handed in to teachers on Friday. Please email your child's class teacher if you would like paper copies of homework instead.

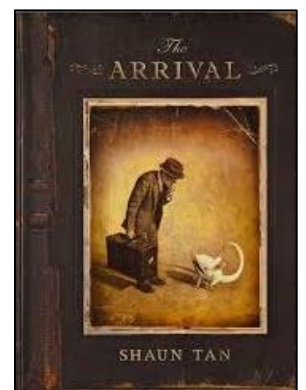
Spellings, maths passport and arithmetic tests will take place every Friday. Additionally, children will be set some work on Spag.com to practise their spelling, grammar and punctuation skills in preparation for the SATS. Children have been given login details.

Spring Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

English

Year 6 will be using the beautiful picture book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan as a focus text this half term. We will use this to support in writing a 'Civilisation Tale', where a main character arrives in a new, unfamiliar location, which will involve opportunities to use descriptive language to build atmosphere. Following this, we will be writing an instructional text linked to our model text 'Weslandia' and our focus text 'The Arrival' where children will explore how to provide instructions to grow their own civilisations, using formal/informal language.



Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 6 will continue to work through algebra, which they began last half term. Following this, they will explore metric units of measurements alongside conversion. We will also be building on familiar mathematical concepts, perimeter and area, before learning how to find the volume of shapes and calculating ratio, a new Year 6 concept.

$$14 + a = 20$$

$$b + 7 = 18$$

$$23 + c = 33$$



Science

The Year 6 Science unit this term is titled 'Danger! Low Voltage'. The focus of this unit is exploring how to create simple electrical circuits, building on scientific knowledge acquired in previous years. Children will get to investigate the impact of battery cells and a variety of switches using their scientific enquiry skills.

Geography

Protecting the Environment is the topic for Geography in Year 6 this term. This unit requires the children to discuss and evaluate the biggest threats to our environment, what we do to help and protect the environment and where some of the renewable and non-renewable minerals are located in relation to the UK. Children will be able to use their enquiry skills to discuss what the school does to help the environment and explore how we can be more sustainable in the future.

Design & Technology

In Design & Technology this half term, Year 6 will be exploring and developing their textiles skills in designing mobile phone covers. Children will use templates to plan their design before selecting their fabric, pinning, decorating and stitching their design together to create the mobile phone cover.



Physical Education

The two P.E. units in Year 6 this half term are 'Boot Camp' indoors and 'Nimble Nets' outdoors. The indoor Boot Camp unit is based on children improving their core strength and fitness through several exercises that increase heart rate as well as develop agility and co-ordination. The outdoor unit encourages the children to get active by developing their serving and rallying techniques through both badminton and tennis.

Note: PE days have changed this half term – please speak to your class teacher for further information.

French

The Year 6 French unit this half term will continue with 'French Numbers' before the children learn the vocabulary for different types of weather and the water cycle.

Religious Education

Year 6 will be examining the influences that Christianity still has in the world and evaluate whether it is still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth. The topic will offer children the opportunity to reflect on what influences them and how they can influence others in the future.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Healthy Me' is the next PSHE unit, where Year 6 will discuss how to identify and apply skills to keep themselves emotionally healthy and strategies to manage stress and pressure. Furthermore, children will explore when substances, including alcohol are being used anti-socially or being misused and the impact that it can have on an individual and others.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr Coren, Mr Hackman and Mrs Pankhania