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Tuesday 18th April 2023

Dear Year 6 parents/carers,

Year 6 Curriculum Letter – Summer (1st half)

Message from the teachers

We hope you managed to have a chocolate-filled Easter break and are looking forward to the summer term. This half term, the children will be sitting the Year 6 SATs during the week beginning 8th May 2023 and have the PGL residential trip to look forward to. It is sure to be a busy, but fantastic half term!

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 Coren

Beech class teacher: Mrs Lindsay

Year 6 learning support assistants: Mrs Skull and Mrs Thomas

Year 6 Higher Learning Teaching Assistant: Mrs Marks

Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

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Homework

For homework each week, pupils are expected to work through their 'daily' questions for Mathematics and English on Doodle Learning to earn enough stars to get them into the green zone. Each child has their own login and password in order to complete their tailored questions. Spellings homework will be set as an 'assignment' following the school's spelling scheme. These need to be completed by the following Friday. If your child requires their login information, please contact the class teacher.

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.

We will be sending new reading books home every Monday. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

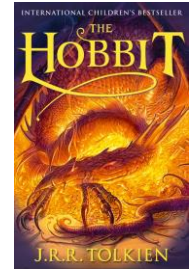
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Summer Term Learning

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

English

Year 6 will be using the fantasy story 'The Hobbit' by J.R.R. Tolkien as a focus text this half term. We will use this to support children in writing a 'Character Flaw Tale', where children will write a story where a character's behaviour or characteristic leads them into trouble, e.g. angry character breaks something of value. Following this, we will be writing a discussion text linked to 'The Hobbit', where children will look at two sides to an argument.



Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 6 will be revising many of the topics that we have covered earlier in the year, in preparation for the SATs tests. We strongly recommend that you encourage your child to practise areas of maths that they are currently less confident in, using the CGP test packs and homework shared by the school.



Science

The Year 6 Science unit this half term is entitled 'Body Pump'. The focus of this unit is exploring the circulatory system: what blood is made up of, how blood transports oxygen and nutrients around the body and how to ensure we keep our hearts healthy.

History

The Ancient Greeks is the topic for History in Year 6 this half term. This unit requires the children to discuss and evaluate achievements made by the Ancient Greeks, compare the similarities and differences between the Ancient Olympics and the Modern Olympics and delve into the world of Greek mythology.

Design & Technology

Year 6 are going to continue with Design & Technology this half term, where they will be exploring and developing their textiles skills in designing waistcoats for a teddy or small toy. Children will use templates to plan their design before selecting their fabric, pinning, decorating and stitching their design together to create the waistcoat.



Physical Education

In P.E. this half term, the children will be taking part in 'Striking & Fielding', where they will learn how to apply skills required for games such as cricket and rounders. They will learn how to catch, throw and bat across different distances with accuracy. Furthermore, they will develop their fielding skills by learning how to 'attack the ball'. Both Year 6 classes will have their PE session on a Tuesday. Please ensure children come in to school wearing weather appropriate clothing in line with the school uniform. On Wednesday afternoons this half term, Aspen class will be going swimming.



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Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each Wednesday afternoon for Beech Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

French

This term, Year 6 will learn about the French unit 'This is France!' The children will learn key vocabulary related to France and, in particular, Paris. The children will learn specific vocabulary to describe France's neighbours and positions/distances of a variety of cities. They will learn the French names for famous landmarks and how to describe what people do when they visit Paris.

Religious Education

Year 6 will be learning about 'Justice and Freedom' this half term, where children will read a range of stories, from different world religions, examining these concepts. They will learn how key figures in history, such as Martin Luther King, were informed and influenced by their own religious beliefs. They will examine the impact of different religious and non-religious ideas about the formation of the Non-Violent Protests and Human Right Movements.

Music

Our specialist music teacher, Miss Macheta, will be in school every Wednesday to teach Year 6 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the ukulele.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

The PSHE unit for Year 6 this half term is 'Relationships'. The children will be discussing the topics of mental health and thinking of ways to care for their own mental wellbeing. They will also consider ways to cope when faced with challenges that could affect their mental health, such as the topics of love and loss, the power and control dynamics of relationships and whether online information is real or fake.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr Coren and Mrs Lindsay
Year 6 teachers