

Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

In this term's newsletter you will find out all about the exciting things we will be learning and any events coming up.

Phonics and Reading

Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using a variety of texts. We will focus on developing reading fluency, which children can practise at home by reading frequently.

We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference & retrieval.

Phonics

Recommended reads:

On the Origin of Species by Sabina Radeva

Moth by Isobel Thomas

Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin



Writing

This term our writing will be based around the novel 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. We will start by learning about Charles Darwin and his exploration of the Galapagos Islands, working towards producing a non-chronological report about wildlife found on the Galapagos. We will then be looking at biographies of famous or influential people and analysing the features, before writing one about Charles Darwin himself.



Maths

Our first maths unit this term is statistics. We will be looking at line graphs, bar charts and pie charts, and learning how to read and interpret these. Following this we will be looking at measurement, including how to convert between metric measures. This term we will also be studying the unit 'shape', where we will focus particularly on measuring and drawing angles. As with every term, we will be practising our arithmetic skills frequently. It would greatly benefit the children if they could practise these skills outside of school too, where possible.



Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will be learning how living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will also be learning to recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, and to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.



Computing

Our computing topic this term is 'Blogging.' We will start by learning what a blog is and what its key features are. The children will then work collaboratively to plan a blog of their own before writing and publishing it for their classmates. They will then look at and evaluate their own and other's blogs, and discuss their impact.



Geography/History

Our Geography topic this term is 'On The Move'. We will first be looking at our needs and wants for the places where we live, as well as what migration is, and the reasons why people may choose to migrate. We will look at voluntary migration and people's movement around the world, and then forced migration, including some case studies on countries where people have recently been forced to migrate.



Music

Our Music unit this term is 'You've Got A Friend'. We will be listening to a range of songs by Carole King, thinking about the style indicators and the structure of the songs. We will be performing vocal warm ups before coming together to perform the songs as a class.



PE

Our PE units this term will be Indoor Athletics and Martial Arts Dance. In Indoor Athletics we will be practising various skipping, jumping and throwing techniques, and learning how we can hone our skills over time. We will also be competing against others and trying to beat our own PBs. In Martial Arts Dance we will be learning to move in unison and cannon at different levels of speed, before working collaboratively to put a routine together.



PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Healthy Me'. We will be looking at the impact that food, drugs and alcohol can have on our body and our physical health. We will also discuss peer pressure, why this might occur and ways to deal with these situations. We will then consider our emotional and mental health, including learning strategies to help with stress and anxiety.



RE

In RE this term, we will be answering the question 'Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?' We will look at what traits make a good leader and how we could get people to vote for us. We will also consider the 10 commandments and which of them are still relevant today.



Homework Project



- Please use this term to focus on completing the CGP revision books that you have been given. Remember you can bring them into school for support or to mark them whenever you are ready, even if you have only completed a small section.
- Please also continue using TT Rock Stars regularly, to improve your fluency with times tables and division facts.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Connachie

Teaching Assistant: Miss Johnson

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20am – Y6 SATS revision breakfast club

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day (Alice in Wonderland themed)

Wednesday 8th March/Thursday 9th March – Parents Evenings