

## Year 6 Newsletter – Summer 1

### Welcome

In this termly 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:

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross McKenzie

Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave



### Writing

This term our writing task will be a balanced argument. We will first look at how to construct a balanced argument, thinking about points 'for and against' the topic being discussed. We will look at sentence starters and formal language techniques before practising a balanced argument about phones in school, before moving on to our independent piece of work, where we will be providing Miss Langley with a balanced argument about whether we should have a 'fun day' at the end of SATs week!



### Maths

This term will be spent revising all of the topics we have covered so far this year, ready for our SATs papers in week 4. We will recap on place value, four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages, shape, statistics and algebra, spending time practising our problem solving skills in these areas. We will still remain focused on developing our arithmetic skills, revising particular topics each morning before a practice paper once a week.



### Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Electricity'. We will construct simple series circuits and answer questions about what happens when we add different components. We will draw simple circuit diagrams using recognised symbols. We will also learn how the brightness of a bulb or the volume of a buzzer is affected by the number of cells in a circuit.



### Computing

This term in computing our topic will be 'Text Adventures'. Children will create story based adventure games and devise maps on which to base their games.



### Geography/History

Our Geography topic this term is 'Improving the Environment'. This unit will involve us recognising the importance of renewable energy and reducing waste, and the actions that humans can take to improve the environment.



**PE**

Our PE units this term will be Athletics and Tennis. In athletics we will be focusing on running, throwing and jumping, learning how to improve our performance including speed, agility, coordination, balance and power. In tennis we will practise using balance and control when hitting a ball, including while moving. We will focus on forehand and backhand shots as well as how to serve and rally.



**PSHE**

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Relationships'. We will be learning about what mental health is and how to take care of it, as well as love and loss and how to deal with grief. We will then look at what is real and unreal online and how to stay safe.



**Art & Design/Design & Technology**

Our art unit this term is 'Art & Design Skills'. In this unit we will learn and develop our skills in: design, drawing, craft, painting and art appreciation; working as a group to design a hat, creating zentangle patterns and subsequent prints, painting in the style of impressionist painters and exploring the piece 'Nighthawks' by Edward Hopper.



**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!



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 at Condover Hall