

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought that you may be interested to learn about some of the varied and interesting work planned for the Autumn Term in Year 6.

English - This term our English work will revolve around writing a recount, a story about outsiders, poetry based on villainous characters, a spooky story, classic poetry and persuasive writing based upon 'The Tin Forest'. As well as these units, we will be carrying on to develop our reading and comprehension skills, and applying our current and new spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge to work in all subjects.

Maths - During this term our maths work will cover a range of units: place value, mentally multiplying, rounding decimal numbers, converting between decimals and fractions, adding decimal numbers, using brackets in calculations, solving problems algebraically, converting between units of measurement and time, reading and writing Roman numerals, short multiplication and long multiplication. In addition to this, we will be continuing with our problem solving and reasoning work, which allows children to apply their maths knowledge, from various areas, to a range of contexts.

Science - Our topics this term are 'Electricity' and 'Light'.

Topic - Our topic for the term is 'the Stone Age to the Iron Age'. We will develop this through learning historical facts, learning about human geography, changes in Britain, Stonehenge, drawing, painting and using a range of materials and DT model making.

Computing - We will be developing a range of technology based skills using a range of technology including, computers, laptops, kindles and I-Pads. Our focus this term will be learning about and creating 'apps' which are applications for mobile devices and looking closely at e-safety.

Music - We will focus on singing and playing instruments with increasing confidence and control. We will develop musical composition, organising and manipulating ideas within musical structures and reproducing sounds from aural memory. This year we are also very fortunate to have weekly music workshops with an outside specialist Music teacher.

R.E. - We will be focusing on 'Rites of Passage: comparing and contrasting Christianity, Judaism and Islam' and 'What do the gospels tell us about the Christmas story?'

P.E. - Our main topics this term are Tag Rugby, Rounders and Gymnastics. Our sessions will be every **Tuesday**, however children need their P.E. kit in school from Monday until Friday as there may be times when we have additional P.E. sessions.

P.S.H.E. - Our personal and social health education lessons will be developed through a variety of ways including topics such as Harvest (Citizenship), New Beginnings, Friendship week, Getting on and falling out and E-safety. Year 6 will also be visiting 'Crucial Crew' which involves learning about safety all around us.

Reminders - All children require a water bottle every day and a change of shoes as we now have new carpets throughout school. This could be PE shoes, or even slippers. Could we also please ask that all children have specific shoes for PE, not the school shoes that they are wearing for school.

Homework -

It is really important that spellings are practiced daily.

Knowing our multiplication tables are really important. In Year 6, children should be able to recall their multiplication tables, and the related division facts, quickly. To help with this, we have weekly times table tests (usually on a Thursday or Friday) and each week the children will have a certain times table and matching division facts to learn for homework. **Please encourage your child to practise their times tables forward, backwards and randomly.**

In addition to this, please remember that all children have a log on for the 'Times Table Rock Stars' website to encourage children to become fluent in their times tables by competing to beat their own scores, as well as competing against each other and against other schools. We hope that the children see this as fun, rather than homework.

If you would like to discuss any items further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Robinson and Mr Davis.