Year 6 Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome back, I hope you have all had a fantastic and relaxing summer holiday. We are very excited to be starting the new academic year and we have lots planned for the children. We will be covering the following during the next half-term.



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Maths

In Maths, we will be calculating using known structures. We will be explaining how a combination of different parts are equivalent to a whole and how to represent this as an expression, as well as identifying missing parts using knowledge of part whole structures. As always, times tables will be vital and we will be using TTRockstars and other resources in class to support this.

English Writing



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To begin this half term we will be looking closely at the book 'Manji Moves a Mountain', which tells the story of Dashrath Manjhi, who used a hammer and chisel, grit, determination, and twenty years to carve a path through the mountain separating his poor village from the nearby village with schools, markets, and a hospital. We will be using the book to help us think and write about our own future dreams and aspirations. The children will also be focusing on enhancing their narrative writing. We will be exploring Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell, using the structure to inspire us to write our own stories. Throughout all aspects of writing, we will be focusing on sentence structure, grammar and punctuation.

Reading

Support with Reading at home this year is extremely appreciated and will help the children prepare for their SATs. Reading with the children at home and/or discussing books and texts helps them to continually develop their knowledge and understanding. All children will undertake at least three in-class guided reading sessions per week. Reading records have been sent home this week, please feel free to add and comment in these booklets. The children will be encouraged to fill in the booklets independently within school.

Themes

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We begin our new term with a focus on P.S.H.E, where the children will be exploring their aspirations for the end of Year 6 and for their future. The children will be attending a careers fair in school, having the opportunity to speak to various people in a variety of different professions. These include an Aircraft engineer, a Prison officer, The BBC, Business Manager, GMP, Firefighter and many more.

We will then turn to our Geography investigation as we explore the city of Paris. We will be looking at both physical and human features as well as statistics and data.

Homework

Spellings

Spellings will be given out each Friday. To practise spellings your child can write out the word, cover and practise writing down the correct spelling. In class your child will look at the spelling pattern and spelling rule. It may help to underline the rule or pattern in each word when practising. Spelling practise can be short bursts throughout the week and can be completed in a written form or orally.

To fully understand the meaning of the word, please encourage your child to look up the meaning of the spelling words each week. Please upload any spelling work on to ClassDojo.

Maths

Maths homework will be sent out each week focusing on arithmetic skills or current learning.

SPaG- A task linked to punctuation or grammar will be set each week, this may be a task to complete on-line or in written form.

P.E Days



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Monday & Thursday

Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit in school. This consists of a white t.-shirt, black shorts and trainers. As the weather is getting colder, your child may bring tracksuit bottoms and a top/fleece to wear. These must be either black or grey or at the very least, dark in colour.

Key dates and information for your diary

Golden Assembly - Friday 20th September 2024

We will be sending out further information regarding the Winmarleigh (PGL) trip soon. If you have any queries regarding payment please contact Mrs Arrowsmith in the school office.