



Jericho Primary School

Class Newsletter Spring 2025

Year 6

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We can't believe we have been back in the classroom with your children for nearly three weeks already! Well done to everyone so far. The children have settled back into our busy and cheerful classes beautifully. We have been particularly enjoying our Science topic - animals including humans as we explore the human circulatory system!

We have dived into a new class novel, 'The Last Bear'.

The children continue to set a great example as mature, polite and hardworking Year 6s. What a fantastic start to 2025.

The Year 6 Team

Our Year 6 team this year is:

6H: Mrs Coulson

6W: Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Fawcett

Our Teaching Assistants, Miss Ormerod, continue to support the year group.

Spring Term Learning

This term our curriculum covers the following areas:

Literacy: In Literacy, we will start the year with writing a discursive speech about the climate change and move onto writing explanation texts about the circulation system.

In guided reading, as well as other texts linked to our wider curriculum, we are studying 'Young, Gifted and Black' as we learn about Civil Rights activists Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. We will be practising creating imagery by using figurative language to describe settings, atmosphere and characters. We will also be developing action, dialogue and balance in our descriptions and look at how we create cohesion across our paragraphs.

We will revise KS2 spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as exploring new learning, which involves the use of hyphens and studying active and passive voice. We will continue to explore a range of novels as a class during our story times.

In Mathematics we have finalised our understanding of all fraction rules- tricky stuff! We will be moving onto applying this knowledge to fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will be introduced to algebra and ratio and build on their knowledge of geometry, measurement and statistics.

In Science, we are studying the circulation system this term. We will learn about the functions and composition of human blood and how this travels around our body via blood vessels. We will also learn how diet and exercise can affect our heart and body. We have some fantastic experiments coming up to support us with our learning!

In History we will consolidate our knowledge of Civil Rights Movement, we will look at the racial segregation and compare these events to the BlackLivesMatter Movement.

In Geography, we will explore Population. We will focus on population distribution and change. We will draw and analyse population pyramids and explore the challenges of a changing population. The children will also be learning about global food security, food production (especially irrigation, hydroponics and aeroponics).

In our other lessons we will be learning about:

Computing: We will be learning all about spreadsheets. We will look at how they are used and creating our own using various formula.

R.E: Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity? Children explore two different religions thinking about why their holy buildings and works of art matter to them as expressions of devotion to God and worship. They look at how they practice generosity and charity.

Art: Children will create their own screen prints and Pop Art, whilst studying the work of Andy Warhol.

PSHE: Children will be learning how to keep themselves safe online whilst looking at a range of scenarios, which explore how quickly information can be shared online.

In addition, they will learn about addiction, demonstrating an understanding that addiction is a form of behaviour. They will know the laws in relation to drugs and alcohol.

Music: A New Year Carol Children look at the music of Benjamin Britten. They look at the structure, instruments and voices they hear and think about mood and story. They use instruments to explore rhythm and pitch.

French: Do you have a pet?

Children will be learning how to ask people if they have a pet and respond accordingly.

P.E: Children will be creating and performing a group floor and apparatus sequence of at least 8 actions with smooth transitions. They will also be building their fitness levels through a series of workouts using elements of circuit training.





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Homework

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to sustain the work that we do in Year 6. This will help to ensure that your children achieve as well as they possibly can in their SATs as well as preparing them for the demands of secondary school.

Homework in Year 6 is sent home each Monday, will focus on the revision guides.

In addition to the activities completed in revision guides, children should:

Literacy

- Daily reading (a minimum of ten minutes).
- 10 spellings. Year 3/4/5/6 statutory spelling word list which all children are assessed on as part of the SPAG SAT.

Numeracy

Times Table knowledge is essential for all areas of year 6 maths. With excellent recall of timetables, children can excel at the challenging demands of the year 6 curriculum.

- Times Tables Rockstars and Hit the Button can be used for 10 minutes daily. A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps.

Children should attempt the learning they are finding tricky as best they can, and then teachers will feedback on focus questions and continue to address gaps/misconceptions in class once homework has been uploaded.

Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 6's look following the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here and this was Parentmailed out very recently. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with tape.

PE KIT

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms
- Trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed.

PE Days:

PE days in both Year 6 classes for this half term will be Thursday. They can come to school in their PE kit.

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day. Gates are closed at 8.55am.

We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates.

We will also share any exciting Year 6 news on our school Facebook page.

We look forward to an exciting spring term with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

The Year 6 Team!

