

Year 6 Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

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English

This half term in reading, children will read a variety of different texts to answer a range of different style comprehension questions. We will focus on the orientation of a text and how this supports our understanding.

Writing

In writing, we will be using the book *The Highwayman* as our stimulus. We will be writing a character description and focusing on literary devices for an extended piece of writing.



Homework

As shared on dojo, homework will be sent out each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tasks will take the children no longer than ten minutes and must be completed each night and returned the next day to help support our learning in class. As well as this, we ask that children are also going on TTRockstars and GoRead throughout the week.



Science

Our science topic this term is 'Evolution and Inheritance.' We will be learning about fossils and how these help us to learn about how species have evolved over time. We will also consider how species have adapted to suit their environments and investigate living things and how their offspring are the same, but different.



Reading

Class Novel

This half term we will be reading *Clockwork* by Philip Pullman. Apprentice clock-maker Karl must craft a new figure for the great clock in town - but he is exceedingly short on inspiration. When a mysterious little clockwork character appears from nowhere, Karl seems to have found the answer to his prayers. In fact, he is in for a terrible shock.

Reading Books and Boom reader!

As we begin the second term, it is as important as ever that children are reading at home every night. Children can do this independently and log what they have read on the app. Staff at school will then ask questions about the text before books are changed. Should children have a home reading book they would like to read, please send it into school for teachers to check it provides enough challenge to support progression in reading – teachers will then add this book to boom reader, which was previously Go Read. Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week.



Contacting Us

If you need to talk to contact a member of the year 6 team please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

year6@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Please note that although we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, it may take up to five working days.

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration assemblies are back! You will be receiving a letter in the coming weeks with details of the date and time for your child's slot. We cannot wait to celebrate our achievements with you!



Important Dates

January 18th – Statutory Assessment Parent meeting

February 15th – Parents' Evening

Friday 17th February – Last day of term

Where needed, more information about these upcoming events will be communicated via ClassDojo.

History

The key question which leads our History learning this half-term is 'Does the punishment fit the crime?' The children will be learning about how crimes and their punishments have changed throughout the centuries. We will compare and contrast punishments of the past with those of today using a variety sources to support our understanding.

P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School will be on a Monday for Year 6. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor uniform on a Monday and bring their wellies in a named plastic carrier bag. In PE, 6S will be focusing on Team Building and Problem Solving and 6L's focus is Gymnastics.

PSHE

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy.' In this topic, we are thinking about how our actions towards others can affect not only them, but ourselves. We will also explore social media considering the benefits and dangers.



Religious Education

In R.E. we are looking at the topic 'Ideas about God.' We will learn more about the nature of God, His characteristics and His relationship with people. We will make connections to verses and stories in the Bible building on our prior knowledge.



Maths

In maths this half term, children will be looking at Ratio, Algebra and Decimals. This will include building on our knowledge of multiplication, division and fractions and exploring patterns and sequences. We will learn at how to answer these questions in an arithmetic style and how to pull them apart using 'what do you notice?' and 'what do we know?' in order to answer reasoning questions.

Children will be asked to go on TimesTable Rockstars at home as part of their homework and battles will be set along with ensuring they know their 'Learn Its'.

