



Year 6 Class Newsletter Spring 2023

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday filled with lots of fun. We're ready again for another term with lots of new and exciting things to learn, but as always, we have lots of work to do. This term is particularly important as we are getting closer to completing our SATs in May, it is extremely important your children are attending school and are focussed in class in order to achieve their full potential. If you would like any extra information or have any questions please don't hesitate to arrange

RE

This term we will be looking at Sources and Unity. In Sources, we will learn how the Bible is a story told over thousands of years, of God's love and how God's people responded to that love. We will study the different authors of the Bible who all wanted to tell us one thing: the truth about God.

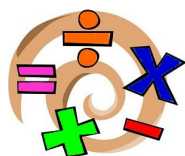
In our Unity topic, we will learn about how for Christians, communion has a significant meaning. To receive communion means to be in unity with Jesus and with one another. The children will be able to make links to show how feelings and beliefs about what makes and breaks friendships and unity affects their behaviour and that of others.



Maths

We will begin the term revising our work with fractions from Autumn, while also introducing more concepts such as multiplying and dividing fractions and finding fractions of amounts. We will also move on to looking at ratio and proportion and algebra. Although there will be a great focus on fluency and arithmetic, the children will also develop their reasoning and problem solving skills in order to master each area of the maths curriculum.

Times tables are the foundation of maths therefore it is important that the children continue to practise at school and at home. They will bring home a few tables facts each night and then build on them over the week. The expectation is that they will be able to recall these facts rapidly and with accuracy by the following day. We will also move on to the corresponding division facts which will support them across all areas of maths. Please support your child with this at home by firing quick questions at them— have some fun and see if your child can beat you to the answer!



English

Writing will be a central focus and together we will build an understanding of a range of different text types. The children have already produced amazing writing in Year 6 and I know this will continue. We will use a range of appropriate and engaging texts to inspire our writing. This term we will use Harry Potter's 'The Tales of Beedle the Bard', and 'Holes' to write in a variety of genres including narratives, letters, poetry, biographies and non-chronological reports.

Spelling tests will be completed each Friday, your child will receive a practise sheet each Monday with their homework for the week's test. The children will continue to develop their grammar and punctuation skills and apply them when writing across subjects. It is also important that handwriting is well formed and that joins are accurate, this will be a big focus across all lessons.



Reading

We will be reading books to support our work in English lessons but also as a focus in reading. We will vote on a book to begin the term from our Year 6 Reading Spine books and we will explore it in our reciprocal reading sessions where we will develop our predicting, vocabulary, questioning and summarising skills. We read every day with the children and they will have the opportunity to choose books that they would like to read themselves alongside their stage book. Reading continues to be a big focus so please ensure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes every night as this will further support their learning.



Geography– Biomes (Deserts)

Throughout the first part of the term our geography focus will be about biomes, specifically deserts.

This will build on children's prior knowledge of different climates around the world and deepen understanding of adaptations. The children will use atlases to locate the world's deserts in relation to the UK. They will gain detailed knowledge of Death Valley and the Western Desert in the USA. Children will understand what causes deserts to be so dry and what landscapes and habitats are found here. They will learn about how over 1 billion people live in this particular biome and how they interact with this hostile environment.



History– Crime and Punishment

In the second half of the term, our history focus will be about how crimes and relative punishments have developed over time. The children will build on their prior knowledge of earlier historical eras studied throughout KS2 and build on chronology by placing the events in order. By the end of the unit, children will understand how societies' views have changed over time and how new crimes have developed through advancements in technology.



Spanish

In Spanish this term we will be learning how to speak of personality and write in the third person to create physical descriptions.



Computing

During this term we will begin with learning how to use Microsoft Excel to create spreadsheets. We will move on to Text Adventures in the second half of the term.



RSHE



In our next module in RSHE, we will explore our relationship with others. We will build on our understanding that we have been created out of love and for love. Children will be able to understand how to respond to spoken and unspoken pressure, the concept of consent and how our thoughts and feelings have an impact on how we act.

PE

During PE this term our topics are gymnastics and tennis.

The children will learn specific skills across both sports and will learn how to create routines and control the ball in tennis matches.



Music

For our music learning this term we will be celebrating a wide range of musical styles. We will look be completing a unit titled 'Gaining Confidence Through Performance' and focus on key musical elements.



Science

We will begin the term with our unit of work around 'Light'. The children will understand that light travels in straight lines and that light bounces off objects into our eyes, which allows us to see. We will look at the different parts of our eyes and how to take care of them, especially in the Summer. We will investigate how shadows are formed and why shadows seem to move across the day.



Art

We will be learning about the famous artist Georgia O' Keefe, who creates beautiful, vibrant paintings of nature.



The children will develop their sketching, painting and blending skills, which will contribute to their final piece.

Design Technology

During the second half term, we will be learning about textiles.

We will be studying the famous fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent and building on our sewing skills from Year 5.

