



Rushey Green Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter - Spring 1 2020

Warm welcome Parents and Carers,

The children have made a positive start to the New Year. This term, the children will be challenging themselves further and will continue to develop their understanding and make links across curriculum. We endeavor to provide a broad, balanced and stimulating curriculum.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to discuss this with a member of the team.

Thank you,

The Year 6 Team

Ms Wallace, Miss Rizou, Mrs Kurtaj & Mrs Barber

This term our topic is...

[The Cold War](#)

[Evolution & Inheritance](#)

This term our **History and Geography** topic is the Cold War. The children will be exploring the Cold War (1947-1991) and the tense relationship between USA and the Soviet Union. The children will learn about the leaders of the 'Super Powers,' as well as locating each country on a historical world map. We will learn about the factors leading to the 'Space Race' and how the Cold War was concluded and the impact it had on the rest of the world.

Science: We will be learning about Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution. The children will discover how different animals & species have evolved over time. The children will also look at inheritance and characteristics, features passed from parents as well as similarities between siblings.

Maths: We will consolidate Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, we will also be learning to use simple formula to express missing numbers algebraically including finding 2 unknown quantities using formula. We will compare ratios and explore different representations of ratios from given amounts. We will continue to find the area, perimeter and volume of compound shapes. The children should also continue to consolidate their understanding of the 12x tables, this can be completed using the PIXL Times Tables APP.

Writing: The children will be creating their own poetry based on Dreadful Menace, they will be encouraged to use a range of figurative language including hyperboles, alliteration, personification, symbolism similes and metaphors. The children will also be reading The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo, in this powerful narrative the we follow the trials of Sade & Femi, forced to leave their home in Nigeria, the story addresses themes of immigration, human rights, political asylum, family, exile and freedom. The children will use this text as a stimulus for writing in all genres. They will also continue to apply the conventions of grammar, varying sentences and vocabulary can engage the reader.

Homework

Homework is set weekly, we encourage the children to complete all homework set as it links directly with learning taught in class during the week.

Homework sent home with your child consists of:

- Spelling
- Grammar
- Writing task- on occasion

Online Homework

My Maths - set weekly by the class teacher

A range of Maths activities based on the learning in class

Pixl Unlock & Pixl Vocabulary

Time table Practice

Spelling & vocabulary building activities.

Please let the team know if you do not have internet access at home. We can arrange for your child to complete the tasks during break or lunchtime in our ICT suite.



Punctuality and Attendance



The new school day now starts at 8.50am. This allows for a 10-minute registration time so that lessons can begin promptly at 9.00am. It is extremely important that your child attends school on time and **every day**.

During this time children complete the preparation for our Reading lesson.

Our Reading lessons start promptly at 9:00am, so if you son/daughter does not arrive to school on time, they will have missed part of the lesson.

Autumn Term Attendance

6W 97.38%

6R 94.42%

Whole School Target is 95%

Reading

Every morning the children in Year 6 take part in Reading session. Reading session to give children a deeper understanding of the texts, this term Year 6 will be focusing on Reading comprehension techniques and continue to develop and embed skills to support them to answer longer unseen reading texts.

The children will continue to use the principals of Destination Reader reading stems, and will continue to have the opportunity to orally rehearse the answers to questions posed with their partner. Each reading sessions has a focus in Year 6, we have been combining strategies.

The strategies are:

- Questioning
- Predicting
- Clarifying
- Evaluating
- Inferring
- Making connections
- Summarising

This is a whole class approach; however, some children will be taught in smaller groups.

In class children use the CLEAR strategies to answer questions, ask your child to show the actions for these!

Date to remember!

Yr. 6 NSPCC Workshop
Monday 27th January
NSPCC sponsorship Return Form
Monday 3rd February
Year 6 Maths PIXL Workshop
11 February 2020
Half Term -17th February -21st
February 2020

Physical Education

6W PE sessions - Monday afternoon
6R PE sessions- Monday afternoon
Please ensure your child has their PE kit
in school.

