

Year 6

Welcome back, we hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. A hardworking and exciting term lies ahead!

Literacy

Children will begin the Summer Term by exploring a whole school text called 'Zeraffa Giraffa'. Activities will include: creating an information booklet about giraffes, a diary entry, designing transport for a giraffe and writing a newspaper report. We will then focus on non-fiction writing and explanation texts. After half term, Year 6 will look at a variety of different fiction texts that have the theme of outsiders. Children will identify how characters' views are shaped; they will write both objectively and subjectively as part of this topic.

Throughout these topics, children will continue to develop their style of writing, adapting writing according to text type expectations. Through their independent work, children will have opportunities to show case their grammar skills, accurately using commas to mark a wide range of clauses and refining their use of higher-level punctuation. There will be a continued focus on independently editing and improving writing.

All children will continue to participate in guided reading which will be whole class and small group targeted sessions. They will continue to have the opportunity to further their reading with an Accelerated Reader book, which they can also take home. Children will complete quizzes on finished books collecting the words from each book they read. Please continue to support and encourage your child to read as much as possible! Thank you!

Maths

This term we will be consolidating knowledge across the four operations in preparation for SATs. After the SATs, children will broaden their knowledge of statistics by constructing pie charts and explore different statistical representations.

Throughout maths lessons, children are expected to explain methods, reason and justify their answers. Children will be relating their knowledge across all areas of maths.

Foundation subjects

History and Geography are taught on a half-termly basis. Our first topic will be the Local History. Children will consider the impact of the World Wars on the local area. Geography will be after half term and the topic is the Climate Change. Children will explore the different types of weathering and consider how it can change and shape landscapes.

The Art topic for the first half term is working with Colour, focusing on the art movement Fauvism and the artist Henri Matisse. The second half term's Art links with the Geography topic Climate Change. Children will learn about printing techniques and build up to using these to create a climate change poster.

Year 6 French topic is 'Me in the World'. This term, RE teaching centres on Islam. PSHE learning explores the topics: Relationships and Changing Me. The Computing topic for the term is staying connected, children will learn how to create a blog and upload digital content using the platform Purplemash. E-safety and learning to use technology safely underpins our computing curriculum. In Music, the children will continue to follow the school Charanga scheme, which includes opportunities to play instruments as well as sing and compose.

Science

For the first part of the summer term, the children will be continuing their work on the topic of Evolution, which will include learning about the evolution of humans and genetics. The children will be creating and exploring electric circuits which will include investigations based on the brightness of bulbs, the volume of buzzers and the use of on and off switches. They will also learn how to represent circuits using symbols and diagrams.

P.E

PE days are still Monday and Friday. On a Friday, children will continue to benefit from PE being taught by the sports coach. Please ensure that your child comes to school on PE days wearing their PE kit and have suitable clothing for all weathers.

Homework

We will continue to give out creative homework based on our current topics. Children will have a selection of tasks to pick from and homework will be shared and celebrated at the end of each half term. Please ensure that your child completes the tasks. If there are any difficulties please let us know and your child can complete tasks during lunch times. We can also provide resources if necessary. In year 6, homework prepares your child for Secondary school, so it is essential that they get into the habit of completing tasks on a regular basis! Thank you!

SATs tests will be in the week commencing 13th May. Children will be invited in for breakfast on these days to help settle any anxieties and have a positive start to their mornings. Further details will be sent out nearer the time. Later on in the term, children will partake in various activities to prepare for the transition to Secondary school.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please come in after school or make an appointment with the office.

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