

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to year 6! This year we will be working hard towards our SATs in your final year of primary school.

Spelling and Reading

This year we will have our test spelling on a Tuesday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. We will be focussing on backing up the points we are making using evidence from the text.



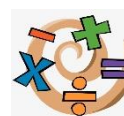
Writing

In English this term we will be writing in different genres using our class book, Pig Heart Boy as a stimulus. We will be focussing on developing our writing using a wider variety of punctuation as well as using a variety of sentence types in our work. We will also be focussing on developing our vocabulary and using higher level word choices in our work.



Maths

In maths we will start the year looking at place value: reading and writing numbers to 10,000,000, comparing and ordering numbers, rounding numbers and negative numbers. We will then move on to the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will work on factors, square and cubed numbers, multiply 4 digit by 2 digit numbers and learn long division (dividing a 3 digit number by a 2 digit number).



Science

Our science topic this term is the heart and our circulatory system. We will be learning about how the heart works, the different parts of our heart and how our circulatory system works. We will also be looking at what blood is made from.



Computing

In computing we will be learning to use digital cameras to edit different images.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying lines in art. We will study at how artists can vary the weight of their line looking at Leonardo da Vinci's sketchbook drawings of water. We will go onto explore through the works of Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Picasso and Moore how artists use lines in different ways, to show shape, tone and texture. We will conclude the unit by studying how printing can create lines through the woodblock prints of Hokusai, in particular The Great Wave.



In DT we will be cooking. We will be following recipes and creating our own Mezze.

Geography/History

In history we will be learning about the Transatlantic slave trade: why it happened, where it happened, what conditions were like for the slaves and how it ended.



In geography we will be learning about spatial sense. We will look at the Arctic and Antarctic Circles, time zones, map projections and how different maps are set out.

Music

In music we will be looking at 1980's rock and will be learning to perform Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi



PE

In PE this term we will be going swimming on a Wednesday morning. We will walk to the swimming pool at the start of break time. Please make sure you have your swimming kit, including your hat in school this day.

**PSHE**

In PHSE we will be looking at Being Me in Our World. We will look at becoming global citizens as well as thinking about our goals for the years ahead.

**RE**

In RE we will be learning about Islam and thinking how the best way is for Muslims to show their commitment to God.

**Reminders**

As a reminder, our school uniform for upper key stage 2 is a white shirt and school tie with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Monday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

Homework Project

Please see separate letter.

**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Morgan

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that upper Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

Monday 4th September – Training Day

Tuesday 5th September – Training Day

Wednesday 6th September – Children return start of Term 1

18th -20th September Year 6 Residential – Castle Howard

Tues 26th September – Parent's welcome meeting

W/B 2nd October – Parents' Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Consultation Evening – 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th October - Parents Consultation Evening - 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Friday 20th October school closes to pupils for Half Term

