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Year 6 Class Summer Newsletter

A very warm welcome to all our parents and carers of Year 6 children. We are really looking forward to having an exciting Summer Term with your children. This is a very busy term for Year 6 with SATs, transition preparation for secondary school, a show to prepare and a Leavers' Assembly to put together! On top of all of that, there is still a great dealing of learning to do! The learning superpower for this half-term is 'Curiosity'.

PE

Our PE days this term will continue to be Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that the children bring their PE kits in on a Monday every week and take it home on a Friday. Last term we had many children who did not have their kits with them. It is important for the children's safety that they are wearing appropriate clothing, so please ensure they have the correct items. Additionally, with the weather improving, we will be taking part in the Daily Mile outside every day. Children will need to have a pair of trainers that they can get changed into each day.

English

In English, we will be looking at applying all of the learning that we have done this year in a variety of different writing styles. We will be looking at writing narratives with dialogue and using a range of techniques such as pathetic fallacy to convey moods and atmospheres.



Reading

Please continue to support your child to encourage a love of reading. They will continue to bring a reading book home. We expect them to read for at least 15 minutes each evening. A year 6 reader should be able to read aloud with fluency and expression, use punctuation to aid understanding and develop the ability to talk with confidence about what they have read. It is important that you are asking questions about what your child is reading to ensure that they comprehend the text.

In Guided Reading, we will explore different text types every week to ensure that the children have exposure to a wide range of genres and also use sessions to support the learning in science, history and geography.

Maths

In maths, we will be continuing to complete the Year 6 curriculum with the focus moving to learning about averages. We will also continue to consolidate all of our learning from earlier

this year with frequent opportunities to practice the arithmetic skills and reasoning and problem solving. Times tables continue to be essential to help with maths fluency and the children should play a minimum of three minutes every day.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>.



Science

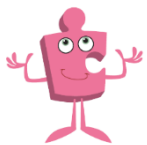
This term, we will be learning about Electricity and Circuits and Circulation and Lifestyle. We will be combining theory and practical work and learning all about scientific enquiry.



Geography

During the Summer term, we will be learning about global challenges, focusing on trade. We will be learning about natural resources and how they are distributed, fairtrade and sustainability across the globe. Children will have the opportunity to explore human and physical geography.

PSHE



During our PSHE lessons, the children will have the opportunity to think about and discuss "Relationships" and "Changing Me". We will be thinking about what healthy relationships look like and how to support ourselves and others to have good mental health and wellbeing. We will also be having a workshop from Future Living, over the course of two afternoons, looking at 'Healthy Relationships'.

Art and DT

This half-term, the Art unit teaches the pupils to create expressive sculptures and to reflect on artistic decisions. Children will learn to represent memories through art using various materials and techniques and develop skills in planning, creating and evaluating 3D sculptures.

RE

This term we will be learning about Islam and how Muslims lead good lives. Children will have the opportunity to explore different areas of Islam and share their thoughts and opinions.

Computing

In Computing, children will continue to demonstrate the safe and respectful use of a range of different technologies and online services. They will identify more discreet inappropriate behaviours through developing critical thinking. They will also recognise the value in preserving their privacy when online for their own and other people's safety



Homework

Please continue to read with your child daily to support their reading fluency and understanding. Children are expected to practice their times tables regularly at home. Families can support this learning at home by logging onto the Times Tables Rock Stars website: <https://ttrockstars.com> All other homework will be given on Fridays which will be MyMaths, along with spellings. By the end of this term, all children should be able to independently spell the year 3,4,5 and 6 statutory

words and use these words throughout their writing. Please encourage your child to complete any homework and to return it by the following Friday, to enhance the learning in the classroom.

The Show

We will begin our work on the end of year show which includes, acting, singing, dancing, set design, decoration, costume and prop making. We will be choosing a show with excellent opportunities for those who love to perform and those who can use their creativity to help the production come together – watch this space!

Thank you for your support,

Miss Hare, Miss Khan and the Year 6 team.