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Year 6 Summer Newsletter



A very warm welcome to all our parents and carers of Year Six 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 **Tuesday** and **Friday**. 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. The topics for this half term are athletics and rounders.

English

In English, we will be consolidating all of the skills that we have learned. We will be looking at creating tension and suspense through the video 'Alma', before looking at short stories to inspire our writing.

Reading

Please continue to support your child, to encourage a love for reading. We expect them to read out loud **to an adult for at least 15 minutes each evening**. It is really important that you are asking questions about what the children are reading to ensure that they are comprehending the text. Please support this process by writing a short comment and signing in your child's reading record. Our focus text for guided reading lessons this half term will be Kensuke's Kingdom.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to complete the Year 6 curriculum with the focus moving to measures and statistics, including 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. Many of our afternoons will consist of extra fluency sessions leading up to SATs. After this point, we will focus on skills that will help prepare pupils for their secondary education.



Science

This term, we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance. We will start the unit by discussing fossils and what they can tell us about the past, before applying our understanding of fossils and identifying what skulls can tell us about humans and how this has changed over time. After the half term, we will focus on adaptations and natural selection.

Geography

During the summer term, we will be carrying out independent fieldwork enquiry, where children will guide their own learning from choosing an enquiry question, carrying out fieldwork, and presenting their results.



PSHE

During our PSHE lessons, the children will have the opportunity to think about and discuss “Relationships” and “Changing Me”. This will include changes during puberty.

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

Our enquiry question for the first half term will be ‘Why is there suffering?’ With a focus on Shinto, Buddhist, Sikh and Humanist worldviews. Later in the term, we will be answering ‘What place does religion have in our world today?’

Computing

In Computing, our unit for the first half term is 3D Modelling. We will look at how to create models on the computer using software. Our topic for the second half term will be programming – sensing movement. The unit involves programming on a Micro:bit, where we will create a step counter.



Year 6 Production

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 opportunities for those who love to perform and those who can use their creativity to help the production come together.

Homework

Every week, children will be given both maths and grammar homework. Each child has a CGP Rising Stars workbook and homework will be set from the workbook.

For maths, children will be either be given a homework sheet linked to their learning during the week, or they will be set an assignment on Doodle Learning.

If you have any questions about your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to see us.

Thank you for your support,
Miss Plane, Mrs Bird and the Year 6 Team