Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter. Autumn term 2017.



We hope you enjoyed your break and Happy New Year! Below is a selection of the areas that your child will be studying over the next term.

<u>English</u>

This term we will be looking at Discussion Texts. We will explore and analyse a variety of texts within the genre. In the second half of the term, we will look at texts in familiar settings in preparation for writing our own narrative.

Science

Our first topic this term is 'Light', where we will be focusing on how light travels and reflects off different surfaces. Following on from this, we will be studying 'Electricity.' We will explore various components and we will carry out practical investigations throughout the term.

Geography

In the first half of the autumn term, we will be exploring the geographical features of Brazil, particularly looking at climate, physical and human features as well. Pupils will be using their skills to make comparisons between the UK and Brazil.

PSHCE

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term our topic is 'Making responsible choices' and 'Dealing with conflicting feelings'.

In Year 6 we expect children to:

- Read every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday.
- Practise their maths passport targets regularly include their times tables up to 12 x 12
- Complete their homework (if provided) on time.
- Practise their spelling for the Monday tests.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Take care of all equipment sent home, including reading books
- Follow school rules at all times

<u>Maths</u>

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills using our Maths Passports and will also be working on children's individual targets. In Year 6, we will focus on the skills needed in the end of key stage assessment. These include: fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

History

After half term, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. Our historical analysis skills will be developed by gathering content, processing information then communicating and presenting this in a variety of ways. We will use our understanding of Ancient Greece to understand mythology, art and architecture.

Computing

We will be focusing on internet safety this term and will be supporting children in becoming responsible digital citizens. We will also be learning about cyber-bullying and how we can avoid and report it.

<u>RE</u>

Initially, we will be looking at Hinduism, followed by Judaism in the second half term. These topics will focus on the core beliefs and values of the religions and their forms of worships. In every RE lesson there will always be a grammar focus.

REMINDER

Homework is sent home on Tuesdays and must be returned on or before the following Monday. Encourage your children to use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings.

Full **PE kit** should be brought into school on a Monday and left in all week. Children should take it home on Friday to be washed.

Please come and speak to any member of the Year 6 team if you have any questions.