



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter.

Spring term 2019.



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.

English

This term we will be looking at classic fiction texts. In particular, we will be reading and carrying out activities on 'Treasure Island' with a grammar focus which will cover children's targets. There will be great focus on answering exam style (GPS and Reading) questions in preparations for the SATs.

Science

This term we will have a focus on Biology. We will be learning about 'Body Pump' in the first half term, which will cover the circulatory system. Children will learn about the different parts of the system and their functions. This will then move onto the topic 'Keeping Healthy' where there will be focus on healthy eating.

Geography

In the first half of the Spring term, we will be exploring the geographical features of North America, particularly looking at climate, physical features and human features as well. Pupils will be incorporating various grammar skills in their writing.

PSHCE

Pupils learn PSHCE through daily reflection activities, assemblies and PSHCE days which are held half termly. This term our topic is 'Me and making a positive contribution' and 'Me and medicines and drugs'.

In Year 6 we expect children to:

- Read every day for 20 minutes at least and ensure an adult signs their reading record everyday.
- Children **must** know their times tables up to 12 including random recall and inverse.
- Complete their homework on time.
- Practise their handwriting and spellings every week.
- Take responsibility for their learning.
- Take care of all equipment sent home, including reading books.
- Follow school rules at all times and follow the core ARA values- **Respect, Honesty and Kindness.**

Maths

This term we will continue to develop our mental maths skills during our arithmetic sessions. In Year 6, we will focus on the skills needed in the end of year SATs, focusing on children's gaps in learning. Children must ensure they are practising their times tables up to 12, including the inverse and in random order, and revising over learnt concepts in preparation for the SATs.

History

After half term, we will be learning about the Victorian era. We will look at a range of aspects including: Queen Victoria and other important figures; technology and industrial developments; comparisons between the rich and poor; primary and secondary sources; and discussing our opinions and aiming to justify them with evidence in an argument.

RE

In order to promote children's learning and understanding of the world, we will be looking at 'Special leaders' and 'Prayer/meditation'. They will learn about a range of influential leaders throughout time and their impact on society. Grammar foci will include: openers, multi-clauses and modal verbs.

Computing

Will be covered after the SATs

REMINDER

Homework is sent at the beginning of the half term where children are expected to spend at least an hour on a given task. Encourage your children to use the 'read, say, write, check' method when supporting your child to learn their spellings. The spelling test is on a Monday afternoon. 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.