

Year 6 Autumn Term 2023 Newsletter

Welcome back, Year 6! We hope you have had a restful Summer break and are looking forward to this year as much as we are. We can't wait to get back to teaching and learning with our classes, and have planned some fantastic 'explore, dream, discover' opportunities for the children!

Explore Dream Discover Curriculum

Our afternoons involve a rolling programme of History, Geography and Computing lessons, alongside weekly RE, Science, PSHE, Art/D&T, Spanish and Music lessons.

This term we will be learning about:

History - **Early Islamic Civilisation**

Geography – **Comparison of UK, Europe and North America**

Computing - **Coding**



English

Our English lessons for the first half term are based around an amazing novel written by author Brian Selznick – The Invention of Hugo Cabret. It's a fascinating book which delves deep into the world of **magic and invention!**

During the second half term, pupils will be reading our class novel: Skellig. Dealing with themes of **friendship, healing and a belief in the impossible**, the book presents an excellent opportunity to stretch upper KS2 pupils in their responses.

Mathematics

Children will continue with daily Mathematics lessons during Year 6. Quick recall of times tables (up to and including the 12 times table) is an essential skill. For your child to succeed in maths this year, it is of paramount importance that they continue to learn their tables at home if they are not fluent at this. Also, asking maths questions over the weekend (i.e. about shopping totals, fractions of pizza/cakes, football attendances, etc.) can serve as great benefit to support learning which is undertaken at school.

KS2 Mathematics SATs are made up of one arithmetic and two reasoning papers. Throughout the year, we will be working on increasing your child's speed and accuracy in arithmetic, and also on improving their confidence and ability to tackle more complicated multi-step reasoning problems.

Spellings

On a weekly basis, your child will be taught new spelling patterns and will be given key words to learn. Although time will be given at the start of each day for pupils to practise these at school, we would also strongly encourage pupils to practise them at home. To facilitate this, weekly spelling lists will be posted on Class Dojo every Monday. Pupils will be tested on these spellings on a Friday.

PE

In Year 6, our PE lessons are every Tuesday afternoon and our tabata sessions are every Friday, so **please ensure that your child comes to school in their full P.E kit on these days.** This first half term, pupils (who haven't already achieved it) will also be provided with the opportunity to complete their length certificate during intensive swimming sessions.

KS2 Reading Challenge

It is expected that every child achieves the reading challenge. To complete the challenge your child must:

- ✓ Read at home for a minimum of 20-30 minutes, at least 5 times per week.
- ✓ Discuss unknown words that they come across in their home reading books.
- ✓ Quiz regularly on home reading books through accelerated reader, at home or at school via our school portal.
<http://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/2209120/>

Ideally, children should read every day, but we appreciate that some children and parents have very busy lives and cannot always achieve this.

We ask for your support with child's reading as reading underpins all learning at school and parental support is vital in your child's progression. Please encourage your child to bring their reading book into school each day, so that they have opportunities to enjoy reading at school as well as home.

Please come and speak with us if you are unsure of how to support your child with their reading and we can give you some top tips!



Homework

Homework will be largely based around securing pupils quick recall of their times tables and also improving their spelling ability. Each Monday, homework tasks will be set on Class Dojo for the children to complete.

Start and end of the school day times:

Start 8:35am End 3.15pm If you do pick up your child, please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the finishing time. Thank you.

Thank you for all the support that you give your child in their learning.

If you wish to contact your class teacher, please use ClassDojo as this is now our main communication link.