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Newsletter

What we have been up to:

In Year 6 we have been...

Settling into our new classes and adapting to our timetable for the year ahead.

We are focused on the importance of regular reading out loud at home and completing the reading challenge each week. We have also been introduced to the school's new CORE values of community, opportunity, respect and excellence and discussing how we can demonstrate these in daily school life.

Curriculum:

English

In English we are writing an informal letter based on the short film 'Something Fishy'. We have also been developing our knowledge and understanding of figurative language; using simile, personification, alliteration and onomatopoeia to make our writing interesting and lively. In addition, we have started our class guided reading text 'Street Child', which links to our History Topic 'Victorians'.

How can I help at home?

Reading at home with your child will help with vocabulary and comprehension. Ask your child to point out figurative language in their reading text. Pupils should be having regular practise of their spelling ahead of the test on Fridays. Displaying your child's spellings at home where they will see them multiple times a day (on their bedroom door for example) can help them to learn the words by sight.

Maths

In Maths we are consolidating our understanding of Place Value, including rounding and negative numbers. We will then be moving onto the four operations and solving problems involving these. We will be using numbers up to a million so please encourage the children to practise using

How can I help at home?

Practise times tables (TTRS, rote learning, Hit the Button).

Real life Maths - looking at numbers when out and about to identify the place value of digits within them.

Practising the formal written methods for addition and subtraction. This could be applied to prices of items your child wants to purchase by adding up the total and subtracting that total from the money they have.

Science

In Science this half term we are learning about how fossils provide us with information about the past and recognising that living things produce offspring. Pupils will also learn about how animals and plants adapt to their environments.

Personal Development

This half term in PD we are exploring the topic 'Being me in my world'. We will be creating a learning charter, understanding our feelings and those of others alongside learning about democracy.



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History

This term Year 6 are looking in depth at The Victorians - including the Industrial Revolution, the British Empire and inventions from this era.

Computing

We are learning how to keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information online. We have discussed the potential dangers of speaking to people we don't know on the internet and are learning about the importance of talking to a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes us feel uncomfortable when online. We will be learning to check that information online is reliable and unreliable.

PE

In Year 6 PE, **6RT** are starting the Autumn term with swimming lessons whilst **6JC** will participate in OAA, Dodgeball and Rugby. **6MC** will be partaking in athletics, cricket and netball.

Design Technology

Pupils will begin their structures project. They will be looking at famous bridges around the world and then they will be working as a team to design and make a bridge which will be strength tested with weights.

Performing Arts

Each class will have a term of drama throughout the year. In drama with Miss Reynolds, **6RT** are studying the basics of theatre staging and will explore how to apply drama conventions and characterisation skills to a performance.

In music, all classes are performing songs from the musical theatre world and will have the opportunity to perform on stage in front of their class. Their music lessons will be delivered by Miss Green.

French

In French this half term, pupils will be learning about weather and the different seasons. Pupils will also learn to answer the question 'uel temps fait-il?' (What is the weather like?). They will also be taught the basic geography of France and to learn the compass directions in French. Pupils will continue to improve their pronunciation through our French phonics programme.

Art

Year 6 have begun a 'Day of the Dead' topic looking at the Decorative Folk Art of the Mexican Festival. They will be practicing Tonal drawing, looking at Artist Damien Hirst and making decorative ceramic skulls.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Autumn term

5 September - 16 December

Training day

21 October

School closed for pupils

Half term

24 October - 28 October

Children return to school

31 October