

Year 6 Spring Newsletter 2017

Welcome back to the Spring Term!

The year 6 team are excited to continue what has started as a wonderful year. We have been extremely impressed by the focus and determination that the children have displayed and we are eager for this to continue.

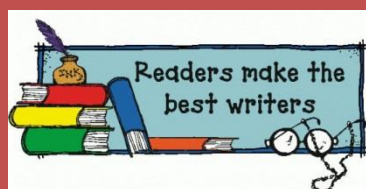
As we approach SATS our ethos remains the same and our main focus is the positive mindset of each child. There will be some changes to the structure of the day and additional lessons will be taught in the afternoons to support the children so that they feel as confident as possible, enabling them to succeed.

We have Maths and Science week this term involving a range of exciting and collaborative projects between year groups and some interactive homework tasks. We will also be visiting the Mile End Climbing wall with both classes this term.

If you have any comments or concerns please speak to us after school or you can call the school office to arrange a meeting.

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to a great term with your children!

Mr Walden, Miss Jones, Mr Jessener and the rest of the Y6 team



Literacy

This term, Year 6 pupils are being taught literacy with either with Miss Jones, Mr Walden or Mr Jessener. As part of cross-curricular learning, the topic this term is Mountains. The children will be reading key texts linked to these topics including *Touching the void*, the true-life account of a mountaineer who faces a terrible moral dilemma. We will use this text to write using a range of genres such as: re-writing narratives; travel brochures and poetry.

Shared reading sessions will take place daily during literacy lessons and spelling and grammar will be taught in the afternoon three times a week.

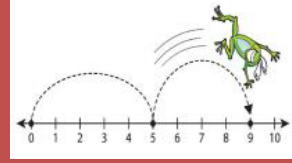
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

<http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>



Mathematics



Mathematics will be taught by Miss Jones, Mr Walden or Mr Jessener. This term, Year 6 pupils are going to continue to build upon their knowledge of number and arithmetic. We will be exploring the different methods that the children can use to answer questions which will enable the children to be as confident as possible in their arithmetic paper. As part of the reasoning and problem solving we will work on a range of concepts including area and perimeter, angles, co-ordinates and algebra. Children will explore mathematical concepts using a mastery approach where they will be given the opportunity to explore concepts in a way that allows reasoning and problem solving to flourish. Children will continue to be given the opportunity to work in small groups, pairs and individually to deepen their understanding.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their maths skills:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>



Science

This term the children will be learning about Electricity. They will explore the different components of an electric circuit and take part in various investigatory lessons, enabling them to make scientific discoveries in practical, group based learning.



Humanities



Our Humanities topic this term is Mountains. The children will learn about the construction of mountains, the geographical location of mountains and will discuss the exploration of mountains from the perspective of how man can affect nature.



Computing

In addition to using ICT to research projects and present their work across all subjects, this term's topic will be cryptography. As well as understanding how messages have been sent cryptically throughout history (including in World War II), they will use micro:Bits to encrypt and send messages.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their computing skills:

www.scratch.mit.edu

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

www.light-bot.com

www.code.org

www.kodugamelab.com

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Art/Design & Technology

We will continue a cross-curricular approach to art by creating landscape pastel work inspired by our topic on Mountains. We will continue to explore the work of different artists such as David Hockney.

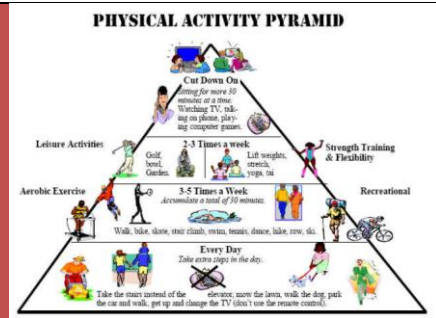
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their artistic skills:

<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html>

<http://www.disney.co.uk/disney-junior/art-attack/>



PE



Sun will be doing P.E. on **Tuesday** and Star will be doing P.E. on **Thursday**

Please ensure your child come to school in their PE kit on this day. This term will be focused on team games such as football and also gymnastics and yoga.



Home Learning

Year 6 (Mr Walden and Miss Jones's groups) will receive maths homework each Friday which will be based upon their weekly learning outcomes. Homework should be return **by Tuesday** the next week.

Mr Walden and Miss Jones will hand out weekly spellings which will be practised daily in class and tested every Friday. We expect the children to read **every day** and record their reading in their reading records.