

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome back to the Autumn Term!

I am extremely excited to be teaching Mars Class again and I cannot believe they are now in year 6! The first few weeks back have been wonderful and it has been great to see the children refreshed, excited and eager to learn. We have an exciting term planned which will involve our Black History Week focus, as well as our enterprise day - the children will be working on a number of interesting projects based around this. As we approach Christmas time year 6 will also be involved in the Christmas production which they will perform to parents and children.

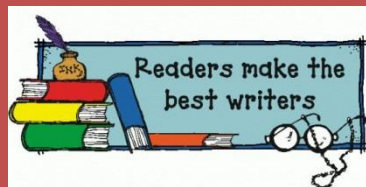
As we all know this is an important year for Year 6. The whole Year 6 team have been impressed by the focus and enthusiasm of the children so far and we are sure that this will continue as we aim towards the SATs in May. Following on from the SATS, we have exciting privileges and trips planned for the class and I am certain they will thoroughly enjoy their last year at Coppermill.

Our trip this term will be to the Imperial War Museum.

If you have any comments or concerns please don't hesitate to 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!

Miss Adeel, Mr Jessener, Mr Power and Ms Woodgate



Literacy

This term, Year 6 pupils are being taught literacy with either with Miss Adeel or Mr Jessener. As part of cross-curricular learning, the topic this term is World War II. The children will be reading key texts linked to these topics including *Goodnight Mr Tom* and *Friend or Foe*. We will be sequencing and writing stories, letters, diaries and non-chronological reports. In addition, the children will learn how to construct and begin their sentences in a variety of ways using figurative language devices and more complex grammatical forms such as embedded clauses.

The children will be taught grammar as part of their literacy lessons, reading comprehension skills and spelling strategies.

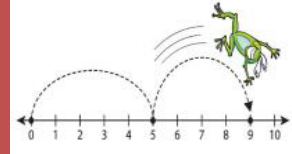
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

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

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



Mathematics



Mathematics will be taught by Miss Adeel and Mr Power. This term, Year 6 pupils are going to begin by building upon their knowledge of number and arithmetic. We will be exploring the different techniques that the children can use to answer questions involving the four operations (+ - x ÷). This will also involve practising one and two-step word problems. Following on from this we will work on negative numbers, area and perimeter and angles as well as more advanced topics that will feature in the KS2 SATs tests.

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

In the first half-term, the children will be learning about light. We will look closely at shadows, making periscopes and using mirrors to reflect light. We have practical, hands-on experiences planned to inspire the children's curiosity. We will also be looking at planning and conducting investigations.

In the second half-term, the children will be learning about the human body. We will look closely at the heart and circulation and the digestive system.



Humanities



This term our History topic is World War II. We will be looking at life on the 'home front', how Londoners survived the Blitz and what happened to children during the war. We will be looking at a range of primary and secondary source material as well as studying the impact of the war on the local area. Additionally, we will learn about the Holocaust through the writing of Anne Frank and other first-hand accounts.



Computing

In addition to using ICT to research projects and present their work across all subjects, this term's topic will involve using Scratch to pro. Scratch is a programming language that makes it easy to create interactive art, stories, simulation and games. Children will also be using Logo to program shapes and patterns.

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



Art/Design & Technology

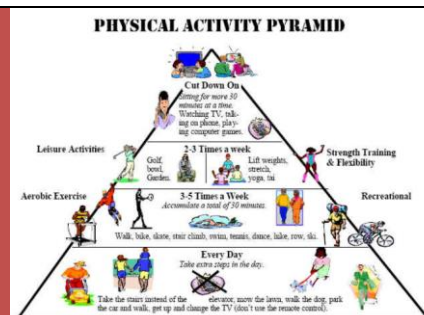
We will be looking at art inspired by World War II and the Blitz. Children will be observing and recreating some popular pieces of art.

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/>
http://www.mykidsart.com.au/Vincent_van_Gogh_Famous_Artists_My_Kids_Art.html



P.E.



Mars will be doing P.E. on **Thursdays**.

Please ensure your child come to school in their PE kit on this day. This term will be focused on invasion games and gymnastics.



Home Learning

Homework will be handed out each Friday and is due in on the following Friday (unless told otherwise).

Your child will receive maths homework each week.

Additionally, it is expected that your child reads for at least 20 minutes every day and completes their reading record.