

Year Six Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 - 2017



Dates for your diary:

A reminder - World Book Day is Thursday 1st March. Children are invited to bring in their favourite book to share with their class. Children can come to school in non-uniform, in their pyjamas or dressed as their favourite book character.

School closes for Easter on Thursday 29th March.

Mr Thornton's Garage band iPad Club runs every Monday this half-term from 3:15-4:15.

This half-term, Year 6 will be learning...

English

Mrs Berry's group will continue reading Letters from the Lighthouse and Mr Thornton's groups will be continuing their work with Louis Sachar's Holes. Mrs Wood and Mrs Matthews' group will continue reading Goodnight, Mr Tom. Year 6 will also carry on building their writing portfolios with a wide range of writing genres.

Mathematics

We are having a big push at the moment on times tables and maths facts. Children have access to a range of interactive computer programs which will really help their maths learning.

TT Rock Stars can be accessed online @ <https://trockstars.com/>

Sum Dog can be accessed online @ www.sumdog.com/sch/1wps

Interactive Resources can be accessed online @ <http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk/>

For Interactive Resources, select pupil log in:

Mr Gunstone & Mrs Berry's Maths groups

Username: NGMaths

Password: mathsrocks

Mr Thornton's Maths group

Username: wellingtony6s1

Password: integer

Science

We will be starting our topic on the circulatory system, which will also include revision of the skeletal system work from Year 4.

History

We shall be studying the Ancient Greeks this half-term to compare their lives with our own and to learn about how they lived, what they believed and about how their society was governed by democracy.

Art

In this unit of work children will explore rural and urban landscapes. They will use shape, form, space, colour, texture and pattern to develop and communicate their ideas. They will complete work in the style of Heather Galler and David Hockney.

R.E.

We will be learning more about the pilgrimages people make in their lives; a particular focus will be pilgrimages in the Christian and Muslim faiths. We will be able to describe the key features of pilgrimages in these religions.

Computing

We will be working on Visual Media and creating a promotional video for the school.

P.E -

Tag-Rugby

This half term Year 6 Children will be learning the skills necessary to play tag-rugby. They will develop attacking skills, learning the importance of supporting players with the ball and using footwork to evade defenders. When defending, children will develop hand-eye co-ordination as well as communication and teamwork skills.

Gymnastics - Children will begin to develop more complex sequences of movement with at least 14 different elements. They will understand the importance of body control and body tension when putting together routines in small groups and begin to use forward and backward rolls as well as spins, turns, steps and leaps to link actions together.

Music

This half term we will begin our unit of work on percussion - composing drum performances, which we will hopefully perform to other year groups.

French

Children will be able to describe their home by learning and using the vocabulary for furniture and rooms. They will also learn how to use prepositions.

Homework

English homework is set on **Monday** and should be returned on **Wednesday**. New spellings are given out every Thursday and are tested the following Thursday.

Homework club runs from 3:15 to 4:15 on Tuesday. If you would like your child to attend (and they are not already doing so), please contact a member of Year 6.

PE

Children need to have their PE kit on Tuesday & Friday.

Indoor Shoes

Please make sure your child has pumps for indoor use. Please name these as I'm sure you can imagine, 120 pairs of pumps easily become mixed up. Pumps rarely last the whole year - we will send a note home if we notice that your child's need replacing.