

Year 6 Newsletter
Autumn 2
2022

Well done to everybody for a great first half-term. The children have settled into the routines well, and we are really pleased with the way they have embraced the challenges of Year 6.

English

This half-term's focus will be on persuasive and journalistic writing. We will use our first-hand experiences of caving and the residential to create a persuasive leaflet about the wonderful opportunities the residential offers and will share this with the Year 5 children. We will then be reading 'Touching the Void' and using this as a stimulus to write a newspaper article.

Maths

From the start of this half-term, we have reorganised the Maths teaching groups so your child may have a different teacher for Maths than they had previously. If you have any questions about this, please speak to one of the Year 6 teachers on the door. The children will begin this half term by continuing their work on calculation methods, with a particular focus on division. After this, our learning will focus on fractions, where the children will learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. Simplifying fractions and finding equivalent fractions are crucial skills that the children will need to be able to do confidently in order to calculate with fractions.

Topic

We will be continuing our unit on Mountains and Volcanoes this half-term. Pupils will create their own thematic map, using colour to demonstrate the altitude of land. As well as this, pupils will learn how volcanoes are formed and where earthquakes occur, linking back to their knowledge of tectonic plates from last half term.



Science

Our science lessons will focus on evolution and inheritance, describing how living things adapt to their environment and how they inherit characteristics from their

parents. We will study the contributions of Charles Darwin and Mary Anning to this field of science.

French

During French this half-term, the children will write and perform a role play based on the traditional French tale of 'Le Radis Geant'. They will also have the opportunity to revise vocabulary around pets, before moving onto learn Christmas language towards the end of the term.

PE

The children will be practising their netball skills this half term, as well as using their map reading skills to navigate routes round the school site in our orienteering unit. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit every Monday. We will be continuing to have PE lessons outside despite the cold weather, so please ensure that your child has blue jogging bottoms and a school sweatshirt. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery (including earrings) during PE lessons for safety reasons.

Planners

The children are using their planners to inform you about what is happening during the week at school. Please remember to check your child's planner each day and to sign their planner at the weekend. It is vital that your child is reading regularly (ideally everyday) at home as part of their home learning. When you read with your child, or see your child reading independently, please write a short comment in their planner and we can acknowledge their efforts in school.

Homework

Maths homework will be given on a Wednesday, to return on Friday. English or wider curriculum homework will be given out on Friday to be returned the following Monday. Spellings will be given out on Monday with a spelling test the following Monday. As well as completing their weekly spelling sheet, children will need to independently practise the spelling rule at home over the weekend, before their spelling test. To support your child's learning of the wider curriculum, additional homework projects will be set and will give your child the opportunity to show their creative side. Children should write any homework tasks into their planner with the due date to avoid missing deadlines. In addition, children should be reading their books at home frequently and practise their times tables and division facts using Times Tables Rock Stars program.

Thank you for your continued support, the Year 6 team:
Mrs Wade, Mr Holder, Mr Naylor, Ms Henry and Mrs Firth