

Year 6 Termly Newsletter - Autumn Term 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As in previous years, we will be sending newsletters home each term to share details of the learning that will be happening in school and to inform you of any key dates that you may need to know. We will also provide some ideas and suggestions on how you can support your child's learning at home.

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year! Year 6 have returned to school with a positive attitude and an enthusiasm for learning. They are settling well into their new classes and beginning to embrace their roles and responsibilities as the oldest pupils in the school. This year, it is particularly important that they demonstrate the ability to follow all the school rules and embody our school values – see if they can recall them!

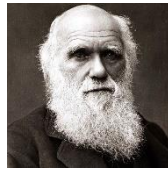
<u>all valued</u>	<u>all achieving</u>	<u>all equal</u>
respect	determination	teamwork
kindness	resilience	acceptance
encouragement	ambition	inclusion

A snapshot of our learning	How you can help at home
<p>English:</p>  <p>This term in Reading, we are excited to dive into "The Explorer" by Katherine Rundell. Through this engaging story, students will join a group of children navigating survival in the jungle after a plane crash, sparking their imagination.</p> <p>In Writing, we will begin by reinforcing essential grammar and punctuation skills. These foundations will be crucial as we encourage students to embed these elements into their own writing as the term progresses.</p> 	<p>Children now have regular access to our updated library, so please find time to discuss the books they're enjoying and spend some time reading together.</p>  <p>The children have begun keeping a reading diary – be sure to take a look inside! After reading, why not complete one of the reading activities together?</p> <p>Additionally, we encourage regular handwriting practice, such as copying weekly spellings and using them in sentences. The expectation is that all Year 6 children write legibly, fluently, and with increasing speed in joined handwriting.</p> <p>Spelling Shed </p>
<p>Maths:</p> <p>We kick off with the year by revisiting Place Value – these essential building blocks set the stage for all the maths adventures ahead.</p> <p>After this, we'll dive into the four key number operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! The children will solve increasingly challenging problems. We'll also have fun enhancing our mathematical talk, learning to reason and explain our ideas together.</p> 	<p>We want to remind everyone how vital it is for children to know their multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Quick recall of these facts will really help them tackle more advanced maths concepts this year. It would be fantastic if you could encourage them to log onto Times Table Rock Stars for just 21 minutes a week – that's only 3 minutes a day!</p> <p>We'll also be introducing Prodigy, a free online game that makes practising maths and English skills fun and engaging at home.</p>  

Science:

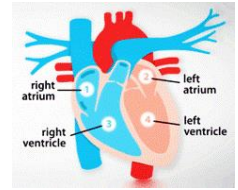
Science is a fantastic subject that encourages children to ask questions and understand the world around us. We will investigate the intricate details of the human circulatory system, exploring the roles of the heart, blood vessels, and blood in keeping us alive, as well as the impact of our lifestyles on overall health.

Before Christmas, we will follow in the footsteps of one of the greatest scientists, Charles Darwin. We will learn about evolution and inheritance, culminating in a visit to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History to enrich our understanding.



Creative projects are a wonderful way to engage with science at home and help deepen children's understanding.

Why not try building a simple model heart? This hands-on activity will allow your child to investigate how the heart pumps blood and recall the parts we have explored in class. For



guidance, please check out this helpful video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUdSashz-sY>

Additionally, why not explore healthy cooking together as a family? Here are some tasty recipes:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/healthy-kids-recipes>

The wider curriculum:

In History and Geography, we will begin with an exploration of the ancient Maya Civilisation. We will then delve into the Amazon Rainforest, examining its vital role in our planet's health.

In Art, children will express their creativity through photography. Our PSHE and RE lessons will poster discussions about families and friendships while exploring the significance of prayer across various faiths.

In outdoor PE, children will develop resilience and teamwork and apply them to indoor badminton sessions with Mr Burton. Additionally, we are thrilled to welcome back Mr Gascoigne for music lessons throughout the term.

Dates for the diary – Autumn 1:

- Weds 25th Sept – Flu vaccinations (only for those that have confirmed online)
- Weds 9th and 10th Oct - School photographer all day (individuals and siblings)
- WB Mon 14th Oct – Year 6 Assessment Week
- Mon 21st Oct – KS2 Black History Month assembly (pupils only)
- Fri 25th Oct – TRAINING DAY – school closed to pupils
- **WB 28.10.24 - Half Term Holiday**

Dates for the diary – Autumn 2:

- Children return back to school on Monday 4th November 2024
- Weds 13th Nov – Parents' Evening for Year 6
- WB Mon 2nd Dec – Year 6 Assessment Week
- Thurs 5th Dec – Visit to Oxford University Museum (8:30am-4:00pm)
- Thurs 12th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 20th Dec PM – Christmas Parties (last day)
- Children will return back to school on Monday 6th January 2025

Reminders:

- Year 6 PE days are MONDAY and WEDNESDAY - Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform each day of the week.
- If you have any questions, please speak to member of the Year 6 team during home time or reach out on Class Dojo. Staff will strive to respond to messages on the same day between 8:30am – 4:30pm.

