

Year 6 Spring Term Topics

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6!

We would like to thank you for the amazing start to the term. All the children have settled in well and are very keen to learn. As you know, Year 6 is an important year for your child as in May they will be taking their SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests) for the end of Key Stage 2. It is vital therefore, that the children are in school every day, on time and ready to learn.

This term we will be learning some exciting things.

Reading:	In Reading, we will be reading <i>Letters From The Lighthouse</i> by Emma Carroll and writing genres will be based around this text. The children have a daily reading lesson, in which they will explore their text through reciprocal reading: predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarising.
Writing:	We will be learning and applying key Year 6 grammar, punctuation and spelling to extend sentences as well as consolidating the writing skills children have gathered throughout the school. We will be writing narratives, letters and descriptions.
Maths:	In Mathematics, we will be focusing on solving ratio and proportion problems, using simple formulae to describe linear sequences, reading and writing standard units of measurements including length, mass, volume and time. Children will continue to practise their arithmetic skills daily. Please ensure that your child practises their times tables at home.
Science:	In Science lessons the children will be learning to: identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will learn how to recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. They will describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.
R.E.:	In Religious Education, the term will be spent thinking about remembering our roots and reflecting on why this can be so important to people. Children will also be thinking about courage and how we can show this through our faith.
P.H.S.E.:	In PHSE and Citizenship, we will be exploring how inclusion enables everyone belong to the wider community. Children will continue to review safe internet use by investigating the impact of social media and photoshopped images. Towards the end of term, the children will learn how to be a critical consumer ensuring value for money.
P.E.:	PE lessons are on Tuesday mornings and the Children should arrive at school in their PE kits. (Plain (no logos) pale blue T-shirt or polo shirt Plain navy blue school shorts Plain (no logos) navy blue joggers / jogging suit for colder days)
Across the curriculum:	History - Following on from our WWII topic, we will be researching the journey of the Windrush generation from the Caribbean to the United Kingdom in order to rebuild the country post war. Computing - Children will be learning how to programme a game using different variables. Art – Explore how artists illustrate where they live in both urban and rural landscapes. The children will begin to understand that even though the same area will be drawn or painted, artists always see things differently and their artwork is a reflection what they see and feel about a place. We will be looking at representing our city of Birmingham.

Homework

English homework:

- Will be set on Friday to be returned Tuesday. It will be based on work that has been covered in class.
- Children should also read every evening, for at least 20 minutes. Please sign their Reading Diaries so the children can collect their BGfL stars.

Maths homework:

- Will be set on Tuesday to be returned Friday. It will be based on work that has been covered in class. I work being covered in class.
- Children should also practice their times tables to improve fluency and accuracy.

How can you help?

You can help us in school by:

- Talking to your child about their day. Ask what they have enjoyed about each day. Being able to answer questions in full sentences will help your child develop their vocabulary and understanding.
- Making sure your child gets lots of sleep.
- Bringing in a water bottle every day.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Francis, Mrs Hull, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Goodridge