

Year 6 Newsletter Spring 2020

A big welcome back to all our learners in school and those learning remotely. Hopefully, we will be seeing you all back in school shortly but whilst we aren't able to do so, we will be continuing to provide our live lessons and remote learning tasks. As well as our existing offer of live lessons there will also be two additional live lessons each week. There will be a geography lesson on a Wednesday afternoon and a Science lesson on a Thursday afternoon. Our live lessons are the best way for children to learn and be part of the wider class community, so it would be great to see as many of them there as possible. A massive thank you for all your support in what have been challenging times.

Literacy

In English this term, we will be looking at a number of different text types. Firstly, we will be looking at a balanced argument and how to write our own balanced argument, using 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan to give us an interesting topic to discuss.

We will then be further developing our narrative writing, that we worked on during the end of our Sherlock Holmes topic last term. This term, we will be using 'Wonder' by R J Palacio to inspire our narrative writing. Wonder is a beautifully written story that deals with some hard-hitting topics and we will really look at developing our control of the reader's emotions as we write. We will be aiming to evoke an emotional response from our writing and to create characters that demand empathy from the reader.

We will finish this term with a piece of persuasive writing. Persuasive writing has been a key writing type for us over the last few terms and we will look to use all of the skills that we have developed to write persuasively and in the role of a character.

Mathematics

Throughout Year 6, the children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
 - Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, we will be embarking on our algebra unit. We will start by finding rules before we then start to form expressions and equations of our own. We will be looking at how we can use objects and materials to help make an, often complex mathematical topic, actually quite simple. We will develop our skills so that we can recognise and use formulae efficiently before tackling some multi-step problems.

Key vocabulary

Rule	Expression
Formulae	Substitute
Equations	Forming
Function	



SCIENCE

Evolution and Inheritance

In science, children will be looking at how the building blocks of life create variation in a species. They will look at the nature vs nurture debate and see what traits are inherited and which traits are adaptations. We will look at how traits can be passed down within families by looking at physical features such as eye colour and hair colour.

Key Vocabulary



DNA
evolution

Cells

genes
adaptation

chromosomes

inherited
mutation



Other Curriculum Areas

Geography - This term we will be exploring Globalisation and how this has had an impact on the world that we live in today. We look at how globalisation started and how it impacts people in different parts of the world. We will also be carrying out some design and technology activities linked to our globalisation topic.

PE - This term, we will be developing our hockey skills. Hockey is a great invasion sport and we will be looking to transfer some of our skills from other invasion sports such as football.

PSHE - This term, we will be learning all about money and the importance of looking after our money.

Computing - This term, we will be looking at how we can use the internet to help us but also how to identify pitfalls and problems.

PE is on a **Tuesday**. Please make sure that children bring appropriate kit for outdoor and indoor PE.
(Hockey)

Planners should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Homework
Monday:
Mathletics (due following Monday)
One Read Theory every weekday

Friday: Topic Homework (due the following Wednesday)

April 1: School closes

April 12: School opens to staff (INSET DAY)

April 13: School opens to pupils