

Spring Term 2021 – Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year and welcome back after the Christmas holidays. It is so wonderful to see the children back in school. The children have had a good start this week, and we are so proud of them for settling well after two weeks' holidays, continuing to apply the rules and routines of Key Stage 2 and engaging in learning with enthusiasm. Across the year, we have planned many exciting experiences with cross-curricular links and opportunities which we are looking forward to sharing with both the children and yourselves. Below gives you an overview of the different subjects across the curriculum.

English

We will be looking at explanation texts, linked to our science topic. We will also be writing newspaper articles linked to our science and history topics. In the second part of the term, we will be writing short stories and persuasive texts. We will continue developing our grammar reading skills. Children will now be bringing home books to read, so please continue encouraging children to read at home. Children should be reading at home for at least 30 minutes each day. Please encourage them to do this regularly.

Maths

The focus of our Maths this term will be on number and ratios, algebra, geometry and statistics. We will also be applying this knowledge into word problems. In the second part of the term, we will be learning about properties of shapes, position and directions and time. As always, the children will be improving their basic times table and arithmetic skills; these will be tested on a regular basis.

Please support your children in practising all of their times tables. Children should practise their times tables on Rockstars and work towards an opportunity to earn a Rockstar Hero Status and certificates.

Science

We will be studying evolution and inheritance and in the second part of the term, light.

History

Our topic for this term is The First Railways, which will include map work.

Computing

We will be doing work on coding and looking at how data is used.

Physical Education (PE)

We will be playing invasion games in Spring 1 and we will be doing gymnastics in Spring 2.

6 Iran have PE on Tuesdays; 6 Oman have PE on Wednesdays; 6 Mongolia have PE on Thursdays; and 6 China have PE on Fridays. Please ensure children wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days- **navy blue or black joggers, white t-shirt or polo shirt and full black trainers or plimsolls.**

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PSHE

We will be looking at safety and the changing body. In the second part of the term we will be completing work on citizenship.

RE

This term we will be deepening our understanding of Hinduism, looking at the Hindu community and the Mandir.

ART

Children will be focusing on painting, linked to RE and printing - doodle art.

Sustainable Travel to School - Scooter Pods and Bike Shelters

Whenever possible, we encourage children to walk to school. If they also use other sustainable means of travel such as a scooter or a bike, we have scooter pods and bike shelters available for the children to lock them away safely.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children to achieve their full potential.

Important Information

School **starts at 8:40 a.m.** and **finishes at 3.10 p.m.** Please arrive promptly so that your child does not miss any of the school day.

Supporting your child with their times tables, the related division facts, number bonds and 4 operations will continue to assist them in making progress in their maths lessons.

Children should be reading at home for at least 30 minutes each day. Please encourage them to do this regularly. Homework will be set either online or in books for the children to complete.

Finally, a polite reminder that children need to be in full school uniform at all times. Ties can be purchased from the office. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

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Mr Aiken
6 Iran

Ms Reid
6 China

Ms Birch
6 Oman

Ms Adenuga
6 Mongolia