

Year 6 Spring Term Update

A Message from the Class Teachers

Welcome to the Spring Term. We anticipate a busy term preparing for the SATs.

Homework tasks are planned to support the work done in class. Please ensure your child's homework is always completed. Every week Year 6 will have:

- Two Mathletics tasks
- 1000 Mathletics points
- 1000 Radiwriter points on weekly spelling list (copy sent home on Monday)
- One SATs Companion task
- At least 20 minutes per day reading

Tasks are assigned on Monday and need to be completed by Sunday at 8.00pm. Five green Dojo points are given for completed homework.



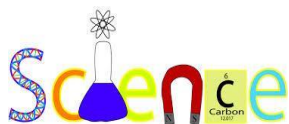
This term we are writing a modern lyrical poem inspired by the charming words of WH Auden's *Night Mail*, a diary entry and a non-chronological report. We are reading the award winning *The Unforgotten Coat* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, which is based on a moving true story full of humour and warmth.

We will continue with our Monday spelling lesson, and have a Friday dictation on the words.

We visit the school library weekly and the children are asked to quiz books on Accelerated Reader both at home and in school.

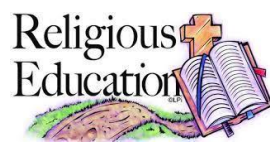


In maths, over the term, we will continue to use White Rose Maths, Power Maths and the concrete, pictorial, abstract approach to ensure a deep understanding of concepts. We will be studying decimals and percentages; algebra; ratio and proportion; measurement including converting units, perimeter, area and volume. The online program Mathletics will continue to be used to enrich children's understanding of learnt concepts. Children are encouraged to practise concepts which they might be unsure of to enable them to increase their confidence in these areas.



During the Spring term, we will be studying the topic of Animals Including Humans in which we will look at the human circulatory system. We will investigate the effects of exercise on the heart rate and collect and analyse data. We will use this data to create graphs and draw conclusions, suggesting how we might improve results to ensure validity and reliability.

Later on in the term, we will be exploring the topic of Evolution and Inheritance. We will research and explain how some animals have adapted and evolved according to the environment in which they live and the availability of their food sources.



We will explore the units:

What does it mean for Muslims to follow God? - We will identify Muslim beliefs and make connections with worship.
Salvation - We will look at the Christian belief in the Resurrection and explore beliefs about hope and life after death.



Can we choose the UK's most important monarch?

This unit allows us to develop an understanding of power, democracy and law in Britain.



We will learn about our ever changing **Coasts**, look at their features and find out about erosion and longshore drift. We will study plastic pollution in the ocean habitat.



In Music, we are learning about musical notation such as crotchets, quavers, minims and semibreves. The children have created their own music sequences using these music notes and they have performed them to the class. We are going to look more in depth at writing music and then we are going to move onto playing melodies, chords and songs on an instrument.



We really enjoyed creating our own digital portrait in the style of Picasso's Cubism. This term we will be exploring the unusual sculptures by Alberto Giacometti and creating our own based on a scene from our life in the future.



Once their games are completed, Y6 will be using their magnificent creations to form the core of their remaining lessons. They will be using computing skills to evaluate their games, create adverts and even 3d models related to their work. Entwined with this, of course, will be an ongoing and deepening understanding of how to use the internet and devices safely and responsibly.



In PSHE this term our topic is: *'How can the media influence people?'* We will be thinking about how the media and in particular online social media can affect people's health and wellbeing.



In French this term or topic is 'En France' we will be learning more about France, its culture, its food and tourist attractions.



In P.E we will be looking at Net and Wall games where we will be looking at developing our understanding of Tennis and the rules more by looking at court size and how to score a game. In the second half term we will be looking at invasion games where we are trying to invade our partners half and score's points against them.

If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Year 6 team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lake, Mrs Copeland, Miss James and Mrs Curits