

YEAR 6 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2018

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays - I trust you all had a well-earned rest.

This half term and indeed the next, is crucial in our preparations towards our KS2 Assessment tests (SATs) which I am sure that you will agree is creeping upon us quickly. I would like to reassure you that we will cover all the necessary preparations in school time however continued support from home is warmly welcomed. The focus of homework has now shifted towards practice questions and although they may prove challenging at times, we do mark them with the children and target any areas of concern directly.

I am offering a 'Booster' for Maths after school on a Thursday from 3:20—4:10 and I would like as many of the children to attend this as possible. I propose these to start after half term — a letter will be sent out to confirm this including permission for any children who may walk home.

This half-termly newsletter aims to inform you of the Year 6 curriculum for the forthcoming half term and any important routines and dates.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Guzdek



Homework

Reading: Year 6 children are expected to read for 20 mins per night. Please ensure that your child has written in his/her reading diary and recorded which pages have been read each night or if any other books have been read. If you listen to your child read, please feel free to add your initials and any comment.

Spellings: Children will be given a set of each Monday to be brought home to learn. We will be using the spellings in many different ways throughout the week to aid learning. The children will be tested each Friday.

Homework: This will be given out every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has a go at these activities as they are part of our on-going class work. If there are any problems or if your child struggles with any of the tasks, please return the work as we do go through them in class and will address individual needs.

Important Days

Monday:

English homework handed out.

Wednesday:

Return English homework.
Maths homework handed out.

Thursday:

Musical instruments.

Friday:

P.E. kit required

Return Maths homework

Important Dates

12.1.18 Whole school Mass in Church at 9:30am.

2.2.18 National Number Day – fundraising for NSPCC.

5.2.18 Internet safety week.

9.2.18 Parent workshop on Internet safety at 9am.

9.2.18 Children's mental health day. School closes for half term.

English

This half term, Year 6 will:

- Identify language and structural features of biographies.
- Compose a biography for a significant individual.
- Use film and animation to provoke ideas for our own narratives and 1st person recounts.

Spanish

This half term, Year 6 will:

- Recap the use of adjectives and use these to enhance sentences.
- Identify and substitute nouns within a sentence.

PE

Year 6 will continue to have their PE on a Friday afternoon. This half term, Mrs Pounder will focus on Hockey. The children will apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

History / Geography

Within our topic on East Timor, Year 6 will be examining the physical and human features of the country. They will find out about how the political arrangement of East Timor has changed over time.

RE

Our RE topic is, 'Exploring the Mass'. In this unit, the children will:

- Make links between the Last Supper and beliefs about Jesus and the Eucharist.
- Explain what happens at the different parts of the Mass.
- Show how belief in the Eucharist shapes life.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term, Year 6 will:

- Multiply one-digit numbers with up to 2 decimal places by whole numbers.
- Solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy.
- Calculate percentages of amounts and apply these to problem solving.
- Use simple formulae as well as express missing number problems algebraically.

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Computing

In our new unit of work this half term, 'Blogging', the children will:

- Develop their understanding of how to write a blog.
- Consider the effect upon the audience of changing the visual properties of a blog.

Music

In this new unit, 'A New Year Carol', the children will learn about the interrelated dimensions of music through games, singing and performance.

Science

In our topic this term, we will be studying 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We intend to look at how living things produce offspring that inherit characteristics from the parent, whether they are plants or animals. We will also identify how animals have changed over time as they adapt to their surroundings.

D.T

The children will be identifying the unique features of the typical houses built in East Timor. They will work in partnership to design and build their own structure using a range of materials.