

Year Six's Half Termly Newsletter - Autumn 2

Mrs Ben-Ali and Mrs Reid

Welcome back! We hope all the children have had a restful half-term break and are ready to get back to lots of learning at school during the busy autumn term leading up to Christmas. It was lovely to chat to all the parents over Zoom during our parents' evening in the last week of half-term, and discuss your child's progress and how they've settled into Year 6 so far. We have another busy half-term ahead with lots to look forward to including autumn and Christmas events!

The Year 6 Curriculum

On our school website, you will find lots of information about the curriculum in Year 6, which could be useful to support your child's learning at home, including knowledge organisers, and curriculum maps. You will find this information under 'Children' and then 'Class Pages'. Please take a look!

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home at least five times a week. We are excited to launch our new Accelerated Reader programme, which parents received a letter about before the holiday. Children will be choosing their books to take home and then doing fun quizzes and gaining points that go towards competitions. We recommend at least 20 minutes of reading a day for the children to get the most out of this programme.

Other Home Learning

Pupils will continue to be encouraged to access Times Table Rock Stars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily.

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term (see attached sheet – these are also saved on the class webpage). We encourage pupils to practise these spellings as frequently as possible at home.

It was amazing to see all the wonderful projects the children brought into school linked to our World War 1 topic. The children loved sharing these with each other and finding out more about this topic. Please see this term's home learning menu for ideas for your next project. We encourage pupils to complete at least one activity from the menu per half term and will dedicate time at the end of the half term to share and celebrate any work completed from the menu.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ben-Ali and Mrs Reid

Please see overleaf for an overview about what we will be learning this half term.



Jesus said, 'Come follow me, live your lives the way God wants you to.'



Year Six Curriculum Map

In the first Autumn term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths we will mainly be learning about fractions, including simplifying fractions, solving word problems, and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will also be continuing to convert units of measure.	English In English, we are studying a text called 'Suffragette', which is a beautifully illustrated non-fiction text that is sure to get the children engaged. We will be writing persuasive speeches, biographies and newspaper articles. We will also be continuing with our Reading Spine book at the end of the day and reading a range of extracts during Whole Class Guided Reading	RE In RE, our title is 'How do Christians prepare for Christmas?' In this unit, we will be exploring what advent is, when it is and how Christians prepare and celebrate advent in church.
History In History, we will be learning about The Suffragettes and the campaign for women's suffrage in Britain. We will be looking at democracy during the 19th century and how parties campaigned for women's' rights.	Geography In Geography, we will be focusing on British geographical issues and how all pollution is harmful to people, plants and animals. We will also study climate change and how this affects places in the UK.	Science In Science this half term, we will be learning about classification of living things. We will be studying the five main kingdoms and how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics.
PE We have three more weeks of swimming and will then be moving onto gymnastics in PE, where the children will be working in groups to produce sequences involving rolls, formations, pathways and changes in direction, level and speed.	Art We are learning about Art in the Italian Renaissance, including looking at works by Leonardo da Vinci and Michaelangelo. The children will be drawing scenes using perspective, creating designs on plaster and using oil pastels to show light and shade.	PSHE Our Heart Smart topics are 'Don't forget to Let Love in' and 'Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy', where we will look at our similarities and differences, consider the benefits and dangers of social media.

Year 6 Home Learning Menu

Geography: British Geographical Issues

Ready to Report

Become a weather presenter!

Report about weather conditions around the UK.

This could be current weather conditions, or those from a day last year (Feb/March 2020) when there was severe flooding around the UK.

You could use a green screen app on your tablet and record yourself!



Be a Poet

Get creative and write some thoughtful poetry linked to climate change in any format and style you like. Think about how you will present your poem and how you could illustrate it.



Time to Teach

How can we reverse climate change?
What can we do to repair the damage already caused?

Can you teach the rest of the school about this and tell them how they can help?

Create a PowerPoint presentation and prepare to present it to the rest of the school!

Reason to Research

Research climate change and the affect this has on different environments around the world.

What is causing climate change?

What does this mean for the plants and animals living in these places?

What can be done to help these environments?

Create a poster to inform people.

Write a letter to the government informing them about climate change and the effects human activity has on planet earth. Include an argument as to why the government need to do something to help reverse the effects of climate change before it is too late.



You Choose!

Explore the topic however you wish and create a project in your own way.