



Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are all well rested and ready to work hard. Year 6 is a very exciting year and there is plenty to look forward to together.

LITERACY

This half term in Literacy, Year 6 will begin the term by using 'The Rain Player' to complete pieces of writing. These will include: a set of instructions, a persuasive poster, a diary entry and a newspaper article.

We will ask 'What have The Maya ever done for us?' and use 'History in Infographics: The Maya' to help us research how the Maya have helped us. Following this, we will prepare arguments for a debate before writing an explanation text about the topic.

For cross-curricular writing, we will also create a tourist leaflet for people travelling to Mexico.

In Guided Reading we will read 'Clockwork or All Wound Up' by Phillip Pullman focusing on skills such as retrieval, inference and understanding words in context. Alongside this, we will use First News to explore non-fiction texts.

Key vocabulary:

Subjunctive mood, reported and directed speech, cohesive devices such as pronouns, fronted adverbials and synonyms
Inverted commas, semi-colons, dashes, paragraphs, parenthesis

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 focusing on: Number and Place Value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

You can help your child succeed, increase their confidence and knowledge of times table and division facts by practising them daily. These facts are fundamental to any aspect of maths.

Another fun way to improve your child's mathematical skills could be to have them mentally add up your grocery shopping, or round the amounts to estimate how much the shopping will cost.

Key vocabulary:

digit number total sum subtract
negative positive rounding
estimate multiple factor
prime number square number



SCIENCE

In science, children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system. They will focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body. Children will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs

affect the body

Key vocabulary:

Circulatory system

nutrients, digestion, exercise

blood vessels, internal organs:

heart, lungs, liver, kidney, brain,
intestines.





Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Ball games

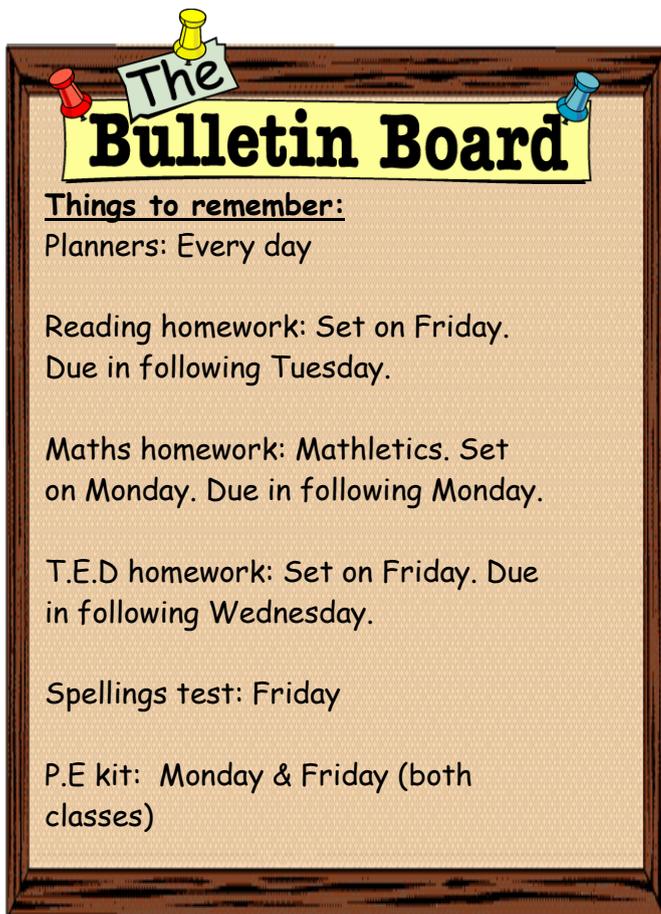
RE- What does it mean to be a Sikh?

PSHE - Anti-bullying and E-safety

Music - Charanga

Computing - Coding and E-safety

Languages - Spanish



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Planners: Every day

Reading homework: Set on Friday.
Due in following Tuesday.

Maths homework: Mathletics. Set on Monday. Due in following Monday.

T.E.D homework: Set on Friday. Due in following Wednesday.

Spellings test: Friday

P.E kit: Monday & Friday (both classes)



IMPORTANT DATES

VR day: 06/09/19

My Child's learning journey:
11/9/19 and 12/9/19

Roald Dahl Day: 13/09/19

Jeans for Genes: 20/09/19

Kingswood: 25th - 27th September

Y6 Kingswood Highlights and Information Evening for parents:
10/10/19

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link: <https://www.bbc.com/education/topics/zwwp8mn>

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Science app: <http://tinybop.com/apps/the-human-body>

History link: <https://www.bbc.com/education/topics/zq6svcw>



HOLA! MEXICO

Where in the world is Mexico?

How does it compare to England?

We will be learning how to locate Mexico on a map and zooming in on where in the world it is.

We will also compare Mexico to the England and identify what's the same and what's different.



What is the Tropic of Cancer?

How does it affect the climate in Mexico?

We will be creating our own weather reports to discover how the Tropics of Cancer affects the climate in Mexico.

We will also be comparing the weather to the UK and exploring the different seasons in Mexico.

What attracts tourists to Mexico?

We will become travel agents to create an informative and persuasive travel brochure. Our brochures will include information about all of the fascinating wonders that Mexico has to offer tourists.

What lies beneath my skin?

As scientists, we will discover everything we need to know about the human circulatory system. To help us do this, we will get hands on by creating blood, examine real organs and get active to investigate the impact our lifestyle choices have on our bodies.

Mayans who?

We will travel back in time to find out the secrets of Mayan Civilisations. We will find out what life was like for Mayas, explore Mayan beliefs and how they built their magnificent ancient structures.

What is Day of the Dead?

As costume designers, we will uncover the truths about this unusual festival and create our very own masks.