

Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 1

Miss Brindley, Mrs Farmer, Mr Barnabas and Mr Marsden would like to say a warm welcome back to all of Year 6. We hope that you have had a restful but exciting summer and are looking forward to your year as the oldest in school. We have many exciting things coming up this term with the residential at the end of September and a specialist music teacher to lead our music lessons. Our curriculum is jam packed with amazing lessons and we cannot wait to get started.

If you have any questions or concerns about this term, please contact your child's teacher.

LITERACY

This term, we will be using the book *Holes* by **Louis Sachar** to create descriptive pieces of writing. We will learn how to introduce characters in different ways using dialogue, actions and descriptions. Louis Sachar uses some brilliant vocabulary which we will take and include in our writing.

Over the first three weeks, we will analyse the extracts from the book, plan our own writing and create our final pieces using the new grammar elements and features we have looked at.

We will then move on to *Little People, Big Dreams: Martin Luther King* by **Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara**. We will explore this text and the inspirational work and battles faced by Martin Luther King. This book will link with Black History Month which we look forward to celebrating every year. The children will learn how to write detailed biographies about people to be proud of, which is this year's Black History Month theme.

Key vocabulary: Dialogue, reporting clauses, adjectives, similes, metaphors, expanded noun phrases, characterisation, facts, chronological order.



Mathematics

This term, our learning will be focused around consolidating the children's knowledge around number, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be working with numbers up to one million on rounding, understanding place value, ordering and adding and subtracting. They will be introduced to multiplying 5-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and dividing by 2-digit numbers.

We will do lots of practice on arithmetic style questions (+, ÷, x, =) which would be brilliant if they could continue with this at home along with encouraging logging onto Times Tables Rockstars to develop multiplication and division skills.

Key vocabulary:

Millions, hundreds of thousands, tens of thousands, decimal place, product, sum, multiples, square route.



SCIENCE

This term, we will be exploring the human body. We will specifically be looking at the heart, lungs and how these work together to create our circulatory system. Children will be carrying out scientific investigations to prove the information they have been taught in class. Their researching and presenting of information will be a focus of lots of our science lessons. Children will develop their knowledge on what our organs do and how they help to keep us alive and healthy.

Key Vocabulary:

circulatory system, veins, arteries, capillaries, oxygenated, heart rate, lung capacity, calories, diet, nicotine, caffeine.





Other Curriculum Areas

Geography – Year 6 will learn about the Alpine region of Europe, how the Alps were formed and how homes are adapted to the climate. They will create a storyboard or digital book on mountain formation, design an Alpine home, and produce literature for visitors to the area using geographical vocabulary. This unit builds on previous work the children have done investigating their local area and other regions of the UK earlier in their school life.

PE – This half term, Year 6 will begin their physical education journey with athletics. This is a great starting point as we will practise our balancing, agility and speed which are important in all areas of PE.

PSHE- Our PSHE unit will begin with ‘Families and Friendship’ and then will move onto our topic of ‘Safe Relationships.’ This is designed to allow children to know how to form healthy and positive relationships before moving on to high school.

RE- Our RE topic is, ‘How do Sikhs show commitment?’. This develops children’s understanding of Sikhism, including worship practices, and invites children to consider how Sikhs put their faith into action. It covers ideas about values, commitment and service and, in doing so, enables children to reflect on the significance of these ideas in their own lives.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Yew PE – Tuesday

Willow PE – Wednesday

Spelling test - Friday

Websites needed:

Microsoft Teams:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom>

Accelerated reader

<https://ukhosted53.renlearn.co.uk/2250283/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>

TT Rockstars:

<https://trockstars.com/>

Mathletics:

<https://login.mathletics.com/?ga=2.153434747.299632099.1618342985-1217686000.1618342985>



IMPORTANT DATES

17 September
Jeans for Genes Day

22-24 September
Y6 Kingswood Residential

28 September
NSPCC assembly

1 October
Beginning of Black History Month

7 October
National Poetry Day