



Welcome to Year 6

Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2021

For your information:

PE will be on Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on this day.



Your child will receive one piece of Maths or Grammar home learning every Friday. This needs to be completed and returned by Wednesday.



Your child will also bring home a spelling pattern on Monday which they need to investigate throughout the week. They will then complete a quiz on Friday.

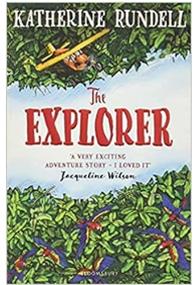


Regular reading at home, even in Year 6, is crucial in developing a love for reading and good comprehension skills.



Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day.

Welcome to Year 6, in what is an important year in your child's education. As I am sure you are already aware, your child will sit the national SATs tests in May and a large amount of their learning will be in preparation for these tests. However, we still have plenty of time to explore the other areas of the curriculum and we are starting our year with a topic called 'Fantastic Forests!' We are basing our learning around Katherine Rundell's 'The Explorer'; a story about a group of children whose plane unexpectedly crashes in the Amazon rainforest. The forest is a vast, untamed place but has someone been there before them?



English

This term, the children in Year Six will be learning to:-

- Improve their planning skills, including paragraphs, vocabulary choice, conjunctions, openings for paragraphs and key sentences and variation in punctuation.
- Use a wide range of vocabulary to contribute to the effectiveness of their writing.
- Relate events logically using paragraphs, so that writing is coherent and provides good coverage of the main topics
- Use brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis.
- Use commas to avoid ambiguity and clarify meaning.
- To make comparisons within and across books.
- To draw inferences regarding characters' thoughts, feelings and motives.

Maths

- Read and write numbers up to ten million, understanding the place value of each digit.
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 and 1,000,000.
- Use negative numbers in real life context.
- Use formal written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide.
- Use these written methods to solve problems involving multi-step calculations
- Identify common factors, multiples, prime, square and cubed numbers.
- Begin to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions.
- Compare and order fractions and mixed numbers.

Could you please spend some time with your child practising their times tables (up to 12x12), especially the 6, 7, 8 and 9 x table. This skill will be **INVALUABLE** during this SAT year. Your child also has a **TT ROCKSTARS** account to use at home.

Science

In Science this term, we will be looking at Evolution and Inheritance. We will investigate how animals evolved to survive and learn about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. We will also be completing some fantastic science experiments through our link with GlaxoSmithKline, the first one being this week when we will be making soap!

Computing

The children will be learning about different ways we can communicate over the Internet and how the World Wide Web can connect people and workplaces. They will also learn about Internet safety and how we can keep ourselves safe online.

PE

This term, your child will participate in gymnastic and games alongside taster sessions delivered by professional coaches. It is essential your child comes to school appropriately dressed for PE as we will be outside for some of our PE sessions.

History

In History this term, we will base our learning around World War I and investigate the question, 'What's in a name?' We will learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed nationally and internationally as well as those closer to home.

PSHE

As the new term begins, we will be looking at friendships and relationships that we will develop throughout the year and how we can be respectful of others and their opinions. We will also cover SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) this term which is a statutory requirement.

RE

In RE this term, we will be considering the questions, 'What can we learn about religious diversity in our area?' and 'What do the gospels tell us about the birth of Jesus?'

MUSIC

Our first music unit is linked to our 'Fantastic Forests' topic, where children will have the opportunity to make musical instruments, trying to recreate rainforest sounds.

Finally.....

In what has been a trying and disruptive year for everyone, please rest assured that we are here to help in any way possible. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a virtual Y6 welcome meeting on Tuesday 14th September at 4.30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 720 7543 0592

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