



Newsletter Class 11

Autumn Term 2019



Welcome back!

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. After a well-earned rest, the children have come back to school eager to learn and have settled into routines quickly. As you know, Year 6 is an important year for our pupils but one which should provide much enjoyment and variety along the way.

Maths

To make sure that we are ready to rise to the challenge of Year 6, we are focusing on the four basic number rules, so that we can use and apply them to all maths topics.

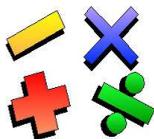
Times tables and mental arithmetic will be practised daily to improve our rapid recall skills. Please support your child in learning all of their times tables – a secure knowledge will make maths much easier.

The main areas we will cover this term are:

Place value

Addition and Subtraction

Multiplication and division



English

Our English curriculum allows the children to write with imagination and explore books of all types, whether it is escaping into the world of characters in fiction or finding out about world and beyond with non-fiction. This term we will be focusing on a range of genre: stories of mystery and suspense, diary entries and non-chronological reports which will be linked closely to our history topic - The Victorians.

We will be reading many books through independent and shared classroom reading, becoming familiar with and understanding the writing of many current and classic authors. Developing a wide knowledge of texts supports children with their writing skills and helps to generate a wider vocabulary. The children will also study many comprehension passages so they improve their inference/deduction skills.

R.E

The focus of this term's R.E work is Love. We will look at the love of our families and friends and discuss the idea that there are different types of love, including God's unconditional love for us. Our scripture work will help us to understand that forgiveness is an essential part of unconditional love and that we can grow in love and that God never stops loving.



Reading Books

Children are encouraged to read at home for a sustained period of at least 20 minutes every night. Please support your child with this by questioning them about the book that they are reading and signing their record each time they read. When the book is finished, your child will make a comment in their record and change their book in school the next day.

History

We are really looking forward to learning about The Victorians. We will explore many areas of this period including family life, life in the workhouse and life in schools. We would be extremely grateful if you could support your child by sharing any information or resources that you may have which might aid their studies.

P.E.

In P.E the children will learn the rules of netball and tag rugby and develop ball skills. They will practice various techniques and how to direct the ball away from their opponents. The children will build on their team work skills.



Computing

This term children will be studying: E-safety and they will learn how to design and write their own computer programme. Please encourage safe internet use at home and good and legal use of social networks.

Science

During this term, pupils will study 'Animals including humans' we will begin by having a closer look inside the human body. We will explore the structure of the heart & lungs. The double circulation through the lungs and the rest of the body is explained and children learn more about blood! How does exercise affect pulse rate? Why is exercise good for us & what can harm the heart & lungs? The children will be doing lots of experiments and working as scientists.



Spanish

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This term, in Spanish, our children will learn how to say greetings and classroom instructions.

Cross-curricular links

We will develop our Art, Design and Technology and Computing skills through our other subject areas.

Homework

Children in year 6 are required to do homework almost every night. More often than not, it is to be completed on the evening that it is given so that we can respond to it in class the next day. The amount of homework given is carefully thought out and should never take more than one hour to complete. If your child is struggling with any aspect of their homework then they should bring their best attempt in to school and discuss any misconceptions with their teacher. Thank you for your support.

Polite Reminders

- Long hair should be tied back.
- Hair should not be dyed and extreme haircuts are not permitted.
- Large sports bags are not permitted.
- Outdoor PE kits should be worn for autumn term PE lessons and should be brought into school every Monday - this should include track suit and trainers. Children should bring plimsolls for indoor PE lessons if the weather is too bad to go outside.
- Earrings and jewellery should not be worn in school – **This included plastic retainer studs** – a watch may be worn.
- Shoes should be sensible – black without detail or heels.
- Homework must be completed on time including daily reading and weekly spellings.

Walking Home

Year 6 children are allowed to walk home alone. We would be grateful if you would send your written authorisation in a letter so that we can keep track of who walks and who is picked up. Thank you!

We look forward to working with you this year.
Please catch us on the playground, after school, if you have any concerns or questions.

Miss Tate and Mrs Collard-Gentle