

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring 1

Message from your teacher

Hello parents! Happy New Year! We are so happy to see the children back in school, happy and healthy, after the Christmas break. They have made a great start to their second term in Year 6. This half term is set to be the busiest yet as we continue our preparations for the upcoming SATs. We will be exploring a range of new exciting topics and look forward to seeing the children's fantastic work. Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2022!

Key Dates for the Diary

Children's Mental Health Week (Growing Together) – W/C 7th February
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8th February
Random Acts of Kindness Day – Thursday 17th February
Half term holiday – W/C Monday 21st February

Key Information

Your child will have PE on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** and must have their full PE kit in school on these days.

Your child continues to read regularly with an adult in class. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home and to access the Reading Plus Programme if they do so in school.

All homework is set on a Friday. Spelling/ Reading Comp is due on a **Tuesday** and **Maths** is due on a **Wednesday**.

Our learning in Year Six

Maths: This half term the children to continue with their work on **Fractions, Decimals and Percentages**. They will be multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by integers (whole numbers) and converting between fractions decimals and percentages. We will continue to have daily Maths Meetings to consolidate their arithmetic skills. It is very important that they are confident with their times tables and their use of the four operations so we would encourage them to practise these at home regularly.

English: This half term we are working on a mixed genre unit of writing based on the Christmas Truce which took place during WW1. The children will be writing as if they are a soldier experiencing life in the trenches. To do this they will be considering the sensory experiences of the soldiers and using these to write a reflective diary entry about the events of the Christmas Truce. We will also use this as an opportunity to practise writing dialogue between characters as the children will be writing a fictional conversation that takes place between two soldiers on No Man's Land.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **History**, our current unit of work is **Conflict Through Time** where we are learning about how many conflicts have taken place throughout time. Your child will learn about the advances in weaponry and tactical warfare that have taken place from the prehistoric era right through to modern times.

In **Science**, we will be continuing our **Living Things and Their Habitat** unit where your child will be learning to describe how living things (plants, animals and micro-organisms) are classified into groups, based on their characteristics and similarities or differences.

This half term our **R.E.** work focuses upon the theme of **'Sources'** where we will explore the bible in greater detail and learn how to use bible references to locate important bible stories. We will also learn about another faith: **Judaism**.

In **French**, your child is continuing to practise our everyday conversational French.

In **R.S.H.E** we continue to learn about our bodies and explore the importance of keeping ourselves healthy and safe. We will talk about keeping ourselves safe online during Internet Safety Day and will produce work about how to maintain positive mental wellbeing during Children's Mental Health Week.

In **Art** we will be beginning a unit called **'Change Makers'** where we will look at artwork that conveys important messages and use different drawing techniques to create our own posters. Some of the artists that we will study in close detail are: Shepard Fairey and Barbara Kruger.

