

Year 6 Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term. We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are refreshed and ready for the new school term.

English

Writing: This term we will be continuing to learn how to write in different styles i.e. poems, newspaper reports, diaries and stories. To support our writing this term we will be reading 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We will continue to draft, edit and re-draft our work before publishing.

Reading: In reading we are looking at books of different types and studying how to make deductions from texts. This involves reading beyond what is simply written in black and white - for instance finding out why a character in a book behaved as they did rather than just commenting on the action itself. We will also continue to develop our skimming and scanning skills in order to locate key words within texts to help answer questions.

Spelling and Grammar: This term we will continue to consolidate and improve our spelling and grammar knowledge. Please support your child by ensuring that they learn their weekly spellings. We will continue to use the CGP booklets for homework.

RE

St. Paul's R.C Primary continues to follow the RE scheme, 'Come and See'. The three topics that the children will be learning about this term are:

- Sources,
- Unity,
- Death & New Life

A copy of the Diocesan parents' leaflet with extra information will be sent home soon.

Maths

In Mathematics, this term we will be looking at the following areas:

Fractions, decimals and percentages. We will learn how to find fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents.

Algebra. The children will be taught how to use simple formulae and express missing number problems/sequences algebraically.

Geometry and Statistics We will illustrate and name the parts of a circle and interpret and construct pie charts and line graphs. We will also learn how to calculate the mean.

Measurement We will read, write and convert between measurements of length, mass, volume and time. This includes converting metric and imperial measurements. We will measure the area and perimeter of shapes and calculate estimate and compare volume of cubes and cuboids.

Children will continue to receive a piece of mathematics homework each week.

Times Tables Rockstars

Last term children were given their log on information for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. Please encourage your child to access this resource at home to help develop quick times table recall.

KS2 SATs resource

This term children will have access to the KS2 SATs revision pdf which can be found on the UKS2 area of our school website. This resource provides children with previous SATs questions for all areas of mathematics. Helpful video tutorials are available for each question to guide your child's understanding.



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Daily Checklist: Water bottles, reading book, homework diary.

Science

This term the children will be learning about 'Evolution and Inheritance' We will investigate how we find out about the past including looking at fossils. We will be reporting, presenting and communicating our data/findings.

Geography

This term our topic focus is 'Rivers'. We will look closely into rivers in the UK alongside the features and uses of rivers. We will then carry out a local study of the River Tees.

French

The children will continue to have a weekly French lesson, where they will learn more about the French language and culture.

Computing

This term we will develop our market research skills. The children will take their pitch for an app further to produce a survey and analyse this data to inform changes to their app design.

Homework Diary

This term the children will continue to receive homework every Monday, due for the following Monday. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. *Please note a pocket-sized maths learning aid can be ordered through school to support homework. Please see Miss Wilberforce for further information.*

The children have a diary to encourage them to become more independent and responsible for their homework. Each week they will ask a parent/other adult to sign their diary to confirm they have read independently and completed any homework. If you would like to make any other comment about their homework, please feel free to do so in the diary. Their diary will be checked each week so that this home/school partnership is developed.

Of course, if you would like to discuss anything in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wilberforce

Art & DT

This term we will be drawing and painting landscapes and rivers in line with our topic of 'Rivers'. The children will also be designing and making 'Fierce and Friendly Guardians' to protect or bring good luck to the school or classroom.

Music

We are very lucky to have Mr Harbisher from Tees Valley Music to teach us music this term. We will continue our learning of how to play the recorder.

PE

This term our PE unit is gymnastics. Class 6 will have their P.E sessions each **Wednesday afternoon** with Miss Wilberforce and each **Friday morning** with Mr. Sheehan. Please make sure your child has their P.E kit on these days and that it is clearly labelled with their name.

