



Year 6 Curriculum Letter Spring 1 2018

English

This half-term, Class 6 will continue to study the text of 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. They will do this alongside their research around World War I and II. They will produce a biography for Winston Churchill, a newspaper report based on the outbreak of the war and a short story using their learning of character development.

During January, children will take part in a two day creative writing workshop delivered by a local historian, during which they will learn about the First World War. They will have the chance to write letters and postcards in character and be able to link their learning to events in the local area.

During our reading sessions we will be focussing on inference. This means that children will look at a wide variety of extracts and answer questions about them, showing their deeper understanding of the characters, plot and themes. With this in mind, it is imperative that children are reading at home and are talking about their thoughts and opinions regarding the text. With the SATs examinations coming up in May, we are working hard at school to ensure that children feel prepared and confident when it comes to answering questions. We have started 'booster' sessions in the afternoons to give children additional opportunity to practise skills. Children will be expected to take more responsibility for their learning and ensure that they read at home every night. As usual, we will be checking reading records every morning.

Maths

This half-term we will continue to learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. This can be a difficult unit of work and therefore we are taking our time working through it, to ensure that all children feel secure and confident working with problems. We ensure that children are being challenged at all times, through various levels of reasoning and problem-solving. As with English, we will also continue with booster sessions on Wednesday afternoons, where children get the chance to work in small groups with a teacher to complete puzzles and ask any questions they might have about work we have done. Maths homework will focus on skills taught in class during that week. If your child has any problems with the work, they can attend Homework club on a Tuesday during break time.

It is great to see so many children attending the after school Maths club! This shows true commitment and is very impressive. Well done everybody!

Topic

Our World War 2 topic will continue for a few more weeks before moving on to 'The Grand Canyon' for our Geography unit. Children will be involved in cross-curricular activities including ICT, art, design and technology. This topic links with many texts that children have been studying/reading during last half-term and this. Children are keen to have a class trip linked to our topic so I have agreed to look into this. I'll keep you informed.

As usual, there will be project homework for children to complete, with lots of chances for the whole family to get involved!

Science

In Science we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. Children will learn about the beginnings and adaptations of animals, including humans. They will show their understanding through report writing and explanations. As in previous units, children will continue to develop their scientific investigation skills by forming enquiry questions, identifying variables and testing fairly.

ICT

Children will continue to learn about creating and using apps by through research and design. They will also use their ICT skills to produce pieces of writing and presentations through topic work.

Music

Children will take part in weekly singing assemblies as part of the whole school and also follow a programme during class time, which will develop timing and rhythm.

French

In French we will be developing our speaking, reading and writing skills through learning about being on holiday, including: seaside; accommodation; zoo animals and theme parks.

P.E. (Monday)

This half term the focus for PE is Dance. The children will be introduced to games and toys played by Victorian children and, over several weeks, develop a dance performance to present to their peers to show how these games will have been played. Children will need to work as a team by listening to others and respecting their ideas as well as being encouraging towards each other. Children need to remember their PE kit **every week**, which consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers or pumps.

Religious Education

This half-term we will be learning about charity and what it means to be charitable. Children will learn about why being charitable is important and that there are people whom rely on such support. They will think about the emotional aspects of giving and receiving charity and the importance of helping those less fortunate.

Homework

In preparation for their move to High School and to support them through their SATS tests, **Year 6 will now be given homework 2 - 3 times per week**, starting next week. The quantity of this will vary as it will be based on what has been done in class. Children will be expected to make sure they know when their homework is due and ensure that it is brought into school on time. When they move to high school they will be given homework every night and not completing this will not be tolerated.

Children will also have project homework to complete, with different activities for them to choose from.

These projects will be given in every two weeks. There will be prizes for the most impressive projects.

Additional to this, the children will be expected to read every night at home and practise spellings given to them each Friday, ready for the test the following Friday. This is extremely important as your child approaches the end of KS2 national tests.

If you have any questions regarding the homework please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Dates

WWI Creative writing workshop - 15th and 16th January

Harry Potter exhibition at Dewsbury Library - 25th January

Bikeability - Year 5 & 6 - 1st and 2nd February

SKIP2BFIT - 16th February

Half-term break starts - 16th February