

Welcome back to the new school term! In the Year 6 team are:

Mr Jones and Mrs Regan (Sea Turtles Class)

Miss Owen and Mrs Hayhoe (Rhinos Class)



Year 6 News

Summer Term 2021

The children have made a brilliant start to their final term here at Shirley. This term, we have introduced small group sessions for English, Reading and Mathematics to ensure each child can focus on the skills they need to master to make sure they are ready for Year 7 in September.

Our smaller group sessions also provide the children with a chance to practice following a timetable and moving between different classrooms (and teachers!) just as they will in secondary school.

Summer Term is an exciting term in Year 6 with many events and activities to help the children celebrate their time here at Shirley including our visit to Grafham Water.

Important Dates this term

Please make a note of the following dates:

- **Week beginning 3rd May: Parent Consultations** - more information to follow
- **Week beginning 10th May: Diversity week**
- **19-21st May 2021- Y6 Visit to Grafham Water Centre**
- **Swimming Lessons** (July 2021- Please look out for a letter in the coming weeks to confirm our Swimming Lesson Days)
- **Secondary School Transition Days (June and July 2021)**
Please look out for information from your child's secondary school in the coming weeks
- **Week beginning 7th June: Effort and Excellence Awards**
We will be in touch with the names of the children who have been chosen to receive a special award
- **Week beginning 14th June: National Health Week** - the children will be taking part in a range of activities
- **Week beginning 5th July: End of Year Reports** - more information to follow

PE days are: Mondays

Please ensure your child has a named PE kit.

Learning opportunities

This term the children will be studying lots of exciting themes through a range of subjects:

English Writing- We start this half term with studying 'Can We Save the Tiger?' In this topic, children will research and learn about issues around endangered animals, to help them create their own persuasive arguments and explanation texts about their chosen animal. In our second topic 'Romeo and Juliet' children will explore this classic Play by William Shakespeare, with opportunities to practice their drama skills to inspire their own writing.

Reading –Through our Guided Reading Lessons this term, we will be studying a range of texts including the non-fiction text 'Viking Voyagers' and our Class Novel 'Cogheart'. Through these texts, children will continue to build upon their retrieval, inference and word meaning skills and begin to practice higher level skills including comparing texts.

Spelling – In spelling, we will be building children's independent learning skills by supporting the children to create personal spelling lists. Children will identify spelling patterns which they need to practice and master in their writing.

Mathematics- In maths this term, children will be focusing on calculating with fractions, decimals and percentages, including using BODMAS to explore the order of operations. Children will also explore geometry, including calculating the area, perimeter and volume of shapes.



Science- Properties of Materials and Electricity: we will be exploring which materials conduct electricity and which do not. The children will also study currents and use the electrical circuits to power lights and buzzers.

Geography- Fair Trade: we will explore the impact of fair trade on specific regions of the world. Also, we will discuss global trade chains and the use of resources to produce products.

History- The Vikings: we will be exploring the time line of Viking history, studying the Viking invasion into Britain and the legacy this has had on language and culture.

Languages- Spanish (Español!) we will be learning to say colours and greetings in Spanish.

Physical Education- Before half-term we will be developing our running, jumping and skipping skills in athletics. After half term, the children will be learning to rally in Tennis and develop our swimming skills.

Religious Education- Islam (after half-term) we will be studying the religion of Islam, with a focus on significant beliefs, places of worship and religious practices.

Music - Performing as part of a group: we will be using instruments to perform songs together in class and memorise musical notation.

Art- Studying an Artist and their style (Henri Matisse) – we'll be looking at the life of Matisse and studying his style of art.

Computing- Coding: we will begin to write lines of code that instruct a computer to make decisions.

Personal, Social and Health Education (PHSE) - Managing Risks (Medicines, Drugs and Alcohol) – Before half term, we will be studying different types of drugs and discuss issues around these. Managing Changes (Relationships, Sex and Health Education). After half-term, we will be studying changes of the human body.

You can help your child at home by:

Reading (we recommend 30 minutes each day)

Practising spellings and timetables

Complete home learning activities (these can be found on your child's 'Teams' account).