



Burwell Village College Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Spring 2019

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Reflections and Looking Forwards

Welcome back to you all after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a fantastic time and we wish you all a very happy New Year.

In the Autumn Term, all of the children settled quickly into the new routines of Year 6 and had a fantastic time learning about the 20th Century. Last term also saw some children take part in a cross country competition at Netherhall School and a great time was had by all. The highlight of the term was our fantastic residential trip in Norfolk. We are sure that this term will be just as much fun as the last.

Spring Term

This term is always a very busy and exciting time for us all. The children make great strides in their progress and achievements as we continue to prepare them for secondary school.

Please remember that if you would like to talk to us, the best time is straight after school or to make an appointment via the office. If you have any messages in the morning, unless they are urgent, please send in a note with the TA on the door or see the office staff.

Spring Term 2019

English

As the year progresses, the children will continue to work in the English group appropriate to their current needs. There is a high expectation for the children to take responsibility for their own learning and improving their work.

Writing will continue to focus on sentence structure and vocabulary within and across a range of text types. There will be a continued focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as on-going guided reading sessions focusing on comprehension skills. We will be analysing and writing formal letters of complaint, balanced arguments and narrative.

Maths

The targets to be covered in Maths this term are as follows:

- Increase speed and accuracy of Maths using the known facts and derived facts
- Word problems, involving all four operations, with more than one step
- Application of concepts learned in investigations
- Revision of key objectives such as: properties of 2D shapes and 3D solids; reflection, translation and rotation; time; fractions, percentages and decimals; weight and capacity

Where homework has been set on MyMaths, the children can use the lesson feature to help them.

Science

In our topic on light, we will be looking at how light travels and how we see. This will involve a range of experiments and observational deductions. It will also support the children to understand and measure angles.

The electricity part of the curriculum will be taught in computing, where we will combine circuits with programming, thereby giving a practical understanding of the subject and ways it can be applied to the wider world.

Topic

This term we will be continuing with our 20th Century Britain topic. This will involve more artwork, research and group projects. Every year, the children thoroughly enjoy learning about how their parents used to dress and what they used to dance to so we are really looking forward to this term.

ICT

This term, pupils will be linking inputs and outputs to Crumble control boards. They will use the skills they learn in the first half of the term to design and create their own automated product.

PE

Team sports- hockey and netball, will be the main foci for outdoor PE lessons this term. The sessions will be focused around game rules and tactics as well as team working skills. We've been really impressed by the children's consistency in ensuring that they have full PE kit for all PE lessons. This term especially, it is essential that children bring additional, warm sports clothes (without a hood) to ensure that they stay warm outside. This should not be their school jumper nor their 2019 hoodie. PE will be in the Sports Hall if it is particularly cold or wet but we anticipate to be outside most lessons.

PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education)

PSHE will form part of our science and geography lessons where topics will be introduced to encourage the children to think around problems and scenarios involving their personal emotions, relationships and the wider community.

French

Spring 1 - The children will be learning to give more detail about where they live, describing towns and villages and giving an opinion on where they live. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zRAjXA8uJg>

Spring 2 - We will be using "Ou est Charlie" (Where's Wally) to learn prepositions of place.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npniUd2M_vl

Art / Design Technology

We will continue to study artists from the 20th Century. Our Pop Art focus will continue with the children producing a self-portrait in the style of Roy Lichtenstein.

Music

Music lessons will continue to focus on a range of musical styles and applying them to their performances within the class.

Homework

- Reading at home (daily) and spelling practice. (There will be a spelling test each Friday)
- English: comprehension/grammar activity
- Maths: MyMaths/activity linked to the week's learning
- All homework will be handed out on a **Friday**, and should be completed and handed in the next **Wednesday**
- 20-30 mins each subject/week

Important dates**Important dates**

- Young Voices concert- Tuesday 29th January 2019
- Quick Sticks Hockey competition- Tuesday 12th February 2019
- SATs information meeting (3.30 - 4.30 p.m.) Thursday 14th February 2019
- INSET Day (teachers only) – Friday 15th February 2019
- Parents' Evening- Tuesday 26th February and Thursday 28th February 2019
- World Book Day- Thursday 7th March 2019

Term dates

- Half Term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February
- Start of Spring 2 - Monday 25th February 2019
- Last day of Spring Term - Friday 5th April 2019
- Easter Holidays- Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April 2019
- Start of Summer Term - Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Parents' Evening**Tuesday 26th February and Thursday 28th February 2019**

This is an opportunity to discuss the children's progress and targets for the spring and summer terms. The Year 6 children should attend the meetings with their parents/carers.

Please note that to allow teachers to get through the entire class the appointments are for 10 minutes.

General Information.**School Uniform**

All items must be named: white or blue shirt; blue and white checked or striped dress; navy sweater or cardigan; grey trousers or shorts; navy skirt or trousers; black shoes. School uniforms with the school's logo can be ordered and paid for via the school website.

Outdoor P.E. kit to include a plain blue/white t-shirt, a warm top/jumper (no hood), jogging trousers and trainers.

Water bottles should be brought in every day but need to be taken home and washed regularly.

There are links from the school website www.burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk which enables parents to pay for school meals and school trips via Scopay.

Thank you to all the parents for your continued help and support with all that we do in Year 6 – it is really appreciated.