



Be the BEST You Can Be

Class 6 Newsletter

Term 1 2021

Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

WELCOME TO YEAR SIX!

This is our first Class 6 newsletter of the year and so I would like to wish all our children, parents and carers a very warm welcome back after the summer holidays; I hope you all had a lovely break. This year will be an exciting one with the different learning opportunities and experiences that the new topics will bring. Year 6 is an important year and we will be looking for the Year 6s to be the amazing role models that we know they can be.

As ever, if you have any worries or questions relating to your child and need a little more time, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to talk. It is important for us all that your children are happy at school, so please keep us informed of any concerns, no matter how small. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Dobson

GREEK MYTHS & LEGENDS

What we are learning

Our topic this term is 'Myths, Minotaurs and Mazes!' In History we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks and what life was like, their achievements and their influence on the western world. We will be continuing to develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history as well as developing our skills of using an atlas and reading maps.

In English, we will be studying myths and legends and creating our own using many of the mythical creatures, such as the minotaur, as characters. This will help us to develop our descriptive writing.

We shall also be reading some poetry by Rachel Rooney and creating our own.

In Maths we will be following White Rose and will be looking at place value of numbers and developing this to look at decimals and the value of each decimal place. We will then be increasing our confidence in solving problems in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In Art, we will be learning about the artist David Hockney – in particular his work on collage and photography and creating our own self portrait collages using a range of media.

Our unit in Science is learning about animals and humans, including about different parts of the systems in our body and the way they function. As part of this we will be creating our own experiments and finding ways to present the findings using graphs.

In RE we shall be asking the question 'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?' We will be exploring this Christian unit and will be continuing to develop respect and inquisitiveness through their continuing enquiry and exploration in RE. Our school value this term is friendship and we will be discussing this a lot in class.

In PE we will be swimming on a Wednesday and developing our skills in the water – it is important that your child is able to leave Year 6 being able to swim 25m. We will also be learning the rules and skills needed for cricket.

In French we will begin by revising key vocabulary learnt in Year 5 and then developing on this with a focus on visiting a French town and looking at the vocabulary needed.

Reading

A big focus this year in year 6 and across the school is reading for pleasure, we are also looking to develop stamina and speed in reading alongside understanding what they have read. To support this, we are asking that every child continues to read 5 times a week, which can be your child reading to you or independent reading.

Please also remember to sign your child's reading record and ensure it is brought into school at least every Friday. We have a reading reward system, so that children are recognised for their efforts in reading at home.

This term, our class book will be: The girl of ink and stars by Kiran Millwood – a magical book about friendship, adventures, myths and courage.



Water Bottles

It is very important that the children have fresh water each day and whilst we have a water fountain in school, it is much more convenient to have a water bottle to hand in the classroom. Please can you ensure your child has one in school, with their name on, which they will need to take home each evening to wash and refill.

Pencil cases

Pupils do not need to bring in pencil cases as we will provide them with the resources which they need, however, they may like to bring in a pencil case for them to use themselves. Please can you ensure that they have only the necessities in their cases and items that are not of value in case anything is misplaced.

Useful Information

PE

Our regular PE days will be every Wednesday (swimming). Children are to wear their PE kit in to school on these days to save changing. The PE kit should include a school burgundy t-shirt, black shorts/leggings and daps for outdoor activities. Lots of the class already have their burgundy school PE hoodies which is great to see! PE kit can be purchased online at: <https://gooddies.co.uk>

Homework

For the first term, the class' homework will be project and presentation about a hobby of theirs. Each week your child should choose one aspect of it to complete and bring back. In the final week of term, they will deliver a short presentation to the class (around 3 minutes) displaying all of their work over the term. This is a great way for pupils to practise their speaking and listening skills and presenting on a topic of their choice.

Each week, there will be also spellings and times tables to be practiced which will be given on a Monday for a test on the Friday of that week as well as a piece of English or maths which will alternate weekly.