



Class 6 Newsletter

Term 1 2024

Be the BEST
You Can Be

Whatever you do, work at it 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.

Miss Golden

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.



Useful Information

PE

Our regular PE days will be every Wednesday (swimming).

Homework

For the first term, the class' homework will be a project and presentation about a hobby of theirs. Each week your child should choose one aspect of it to complete and bring back in to school. In the final week of term, they will deliver a short presentation to the class (around 3 minutes) displaying all of their learning over the term - 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 Friday for a test on the Friday of the following week as well as a piece of English or maths which will alternate weekly.

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 beginning the term with a short study of poetry: 'The City of Silence' and creating our own descriptive poems about a range of imaginary places. Later on in the term we will be creating our own guide to mythical creatures using many from Greek myths such as the minotaur.

In Maths, we will be following White Rose and will be learning about place value of numbers and using this to support solving challenges using the four operations.

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 Religion and world views we shall be learning about Islam and asking the question 'What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?' We will be exploring this unit and will be continuing to develop respect and inquisitiveness through their continuing enquiry and exploration in faiths. Our school value this term is friendship and we will be discussing this a lot in class.

In PE we will be swimming each week and developing our skills in the water – it is important that your child is able to leave Year 6 being able to swim 25m.

In French we will begin by revising key vocabulary learnt in Year 5 and then developing on this with a focus on 'At School' and looking at the vocabulary needed for day to day life.

In Music we will be focusing this term on our voices and listening to and appraising music using key vocabulary. Our song which we will be learning is 'Happy' and we will perform this at the end of term.

Dates for the Diary

- 3rd September – Term 1 begins
- 10th September – School photographs
- 20th September – British Values Day
- 24th September – Year 6 visiting Parliament
- 27th September – Year 5 and 6 visiting a Literacy event in Bath
- 8th and 9th October – Parents Evening
- 16th – 17th – Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Folly Farm
- 25th October – Inspiring People Day and end of term 1

