



Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter



We are very excited to welcome everyone back to school and especially welcome you to Year 6! We understand that some of you will be excited to return to school whereas others may be feeling a little nervous or worried but please remember we are here to help you anytime you need us. It has been a long time since you were sitting in class doing your work so it might feel a little strange but we will support you in this to help things feel normal again! We can't wait to start our new topics and begin our Year 6 journey together.

Attendance and Punctuality!

It is important that children arrive and are collected in their allocated time slot to ensure social distancing guidance is followed and make school a safe place. Please don't be late as you will complete 'Doodle Time' at the start and end of every day and this can't be missed!



Hygiene Reminders

Please remind your child about the importance of hygiene in school. We have a hand sanitiser station in class which they must use when they enter or leave the room. We will also be encouraging regular handwashing, use of 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' and ensuring the children take responsibility for their belongings and keeping the classroom tidy. Your support is greatly appreciated in this.



It's Electric!

Our novel for the first half term is 'Percy Jackson and the lightning thief' by Rick Riordan and links to the theme of Electricity. We will be reading the novel as a whole class and exploring the themes within the story and exploring these themes in our comprehension lessons. During writing lessons with Mrs Kidd, the children will use the themes from the novel to inspire their writing. They will write a range of genre to revise and develop the key skills of writing,

Maths

In Maths, we will be revisiting some work from Year 5 as well as covering topics which were missed when we were closed. This work will include learning to:

- ◆ Read, write, order and compare numbers to 10,000,000
- ◆ Round whole numbers to 10, 100 and 1000
- ◆ Use negative numbers and calculate intervals across zero
- ◆ Multiply numbers up to 4-digits using formal written method
- ◆ Add whole numbers with more than 4 digits
- ◆ Subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits
- ◆ Multiply by 1 and 2 digit numbers
- ◆ Divide numbers with up to 4-digits by 1-digit numbers
- ◆ Use long division methods
- ◆ Identify and use factors, common factors and multiples
- ◆ Know and use prime numbers to 100, square and cube numbers
- ◆ Solve multi-step problems in all of the areas above

Science

Our Science topic this half term is Electricity. The children will learn about building circuits and how to make changes in a circuit. They will also learn about the dangers of electricity and how to make sure we are safe.

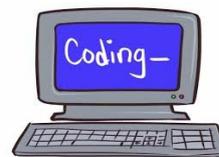


Design & Technology



Our work in Design and Technology links to the theme of electricity. The children will research and explore the use of electricity in high street products leading to the designing and making of their own product.

Computing



The children will develop their programming skills this half term. They will research key technologies and use their findings to create a range of programmes to accomplish a given goal.



Homework will be based on revising skills and developing our basic skills to allow us to make links to our work in class. It is important that homework is completed and handed in on time. This will be reviewed in class together. If children do not bring their homework in on time, they will be expected to complete it in class during breaktime.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home for the full half term on one sheet. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday morning in class. The children will complete a spelling test as part of their end of Year 6 tests and therefore learning spellings is essential as the children need a secure understanding of the spelling rules explored. Please help your children to learn their spellings to support our work in class.



PE and Forest Schools

We are very excited for the children to begin their Forest Schools lessons with Mrs Burnside. Half of the class will complete Forest Schools while the other half take part in a PE lesson with a coach. The children will alternate PE and Forest Schools each week. The correct PE kit is essential for these lessons. PE kits must be brought in to school this week and will be sent home at half term. Please ensure your child has the correct and full PE kit in school at all times. The children will receive information about what to wear for Forest Schools from Mrs Burnside!

