

Year 6 Newsletter Term 6

Welcome back to Term 5 of Year 6! This is an important and exciting term for Year 6 - with lots of revision, SATs Tests and even a Residential trip!

English

In addition to revising Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar ready for the SATs tests later this term, the children will also be exploring the book 'Crater Lake' by Jennifer Killick.

When Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake Residential Camp, a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death ensues. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!



The story will be used to inspire the children during revision sessions and to provide opportunities for writing, such as recounts, diary entries, persuasive writing and brochures for the Residential Trip in the story and their own later in the term.

Maths

In Maths, we will be revising all areas of Maths ready for this term's SATs Tests. The children will be revisiting areas of maths that they have voted to focus on to ensure they are prepared and confident for the upcoming tests. This is also an opportunity for the children to appreciate how much they have learnt since the beginning of the year as we revisit topics such as calculating mean, identifying the percentage of a given number, ordering decimals, calculating area and volume, measuring angles, long and short division and multi-step problems - to name just a few!

Science

This term, the year 6s will explore the classification of living things, including microorganisms. The children will extend their learning to find out about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus, choosing an animal and researching its classification. The children will have the opportunity to design their own 'curious creature' and classify it based on its characteristics. They will learn about microorganisms, and conduct an investigation into the growth of mould on bread.

PE

This term, our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday**. Each **Tuesday**, the children should come to school in their PE kit, which they will stay in all day. This will mean that they won't need to get changed in school and will reduce the risk of others accidentally touching their clothing or putting on items belonging to others. Please make sure that your child is wearing a suitable PE kit for the weather that day, such as a t-shirt, shorts and trainers for warm and sunny weather, or a tracksuit and trainers for colder weather.

Foundation Subjects

Our *Geography* topic will be *Significant Lines*. The children will use atlases, maps and globes to locate which countries lie on certain points of the Earth, identifying key lines of latitude and longitude as well as the different time zones around the world.

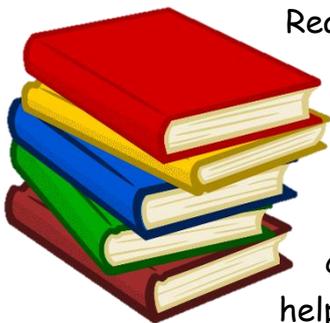
In *History* this term, the children will explore The Reformation. The children will explore key points in history to find out the differences between Protestant and Catholic churches and the changes made by prominent figures such as Martin Luther and Henry VIII.



In *Music*, we will be using the 'Charanga' scheme of work to complete lessons based on the topic "Music and Me".

In *PSHE* we will be exploring the topic "Relationships" using the Jigsaw scheme of work.

Our *MFL* lessons this term will develop our understanding of Latin by focusing on subject and object nouns.



Reading is an important part of the curriculum and, as such, we believe that continuing to read with your child daily can improve their reading skills significantly. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you could read with your child as often as possible. This does not have to be your child reading to you, it could include sharing a book and discussing the content, as this helps tremendously with comprehension.

Homework

Children will continue to receive the following homework weekly:

- Spellings
- Reading
- Times Tables

In addition to this, there will be opportunities for children to continue revising at home and optional worksheets will be sent home each week with your child.

Reminder - the SATs will take place on the following dates:

Date	Test
Monday 9th May 2022	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 10th May 2022	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Weds 11th May 2022	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thurs 12th May 2022	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes
Friday 13th May 2022	No tests today

Remember, if at any time you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment to see me.

With best wishes,

Mr Buckland