Year 6 Newsletter: September 2020



We hope you have had a lovely summer break and managed to enjoy some special days. It’s been such a strange time for everyone but we can’t wait to see all of the children again. Although there are some changes to the school day (as outlined in Mrs Fenby’s letter found on the website), we’re looking forward to getting back to normality and doing loads of learning! We’ve sent a timetable alongside this newsletter so that you can see how we’ve arranged the school day. Just be aware, that timetables aren’t set-in-stone and things often need to be moved around on a weekly basis: much like anything in primary school!

Mrs Green, Mr Westby & Mrs Jackson

**English**

Our class text to begin with is The Boy At The Back Of The Class, by Onjali Raúf. We will also be continuing to read a variety of picture books and poetry. You can best support your child to become a better reader by listening to them read at least three to four times a week for 10-20 minutes.

To help reduce the chance of transmission, book bags are only required in school, on **Fridays** where Mrs Jackson will support the children in changing their book.

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In writing, we’ll be focusing on writing longer pieces (both fiction and non-fiction); expanding and using a broad range of vocabulary; and responding to class texts.

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Spellings will take place every Wednesday: which will be the day they are given out and then tested the following week.

**Maths**

During the beginning of the Autumn term, we will be focusing on number and place value. We will revisit skills from previous year groups to make sure we address any gaps in learning.

It is important that your child regularly practises their times tables so that they are able to recall all facts up to 12 x 12 quickly and easily. So much of the maths curriculum relies heavily on children being fluent with times tables. Not only will it help with written methods for multiplication and division, but for other topics such as working with fractions.

You can continue to support your child at home through the use of Times Table Rock Stars.

[www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com)



**Curriculum Visits**

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we are currently unable to book any trips. However, things may change after Christmas. Fingers crossed!

**Curriculum**

There were some units of work that the children missed in Year 5, such as the Ancient Greeks in history and Global Trade in geography. We have planned to provide children extra sessions to give them key knowledge in those areas. This means that rather than having an explicit English lesson on Friday, a different subject will be taught instead. Fear not! Children will still be reading and writing aplenty!

This term, in geography we will be studying Global Trade and the supply chain.

In history, we’ll be studying the Ancient Greeks and World War II.

Mrs Green will continue to deliver Spanish. Mrs Smith will teach PE, RE and English on Wednesdays.

Our art unit this half term will be Henry Moore, focussing on his work produced during the Blitz. In DT, our unit is designing and building our own fairground rides.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please come and speak with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Westby, Mrs Green and Mrs Jackson