

Year 6

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. Our names are Siobhan Butler, Alix Boyle, Neha Kapoor and Catherine Gladman. Mrs Butler is teaching Class 21, Miss Boyle is teaching Class 22, Miss Kapoor is teaching Class 23 and Miss Gladman is teaching Class 6RA. We are very much looking forward to teaching your children this year. If you have anything you wish to discuss or would just like to say hello, you are welcome to come and see us in the playground at the beginning or end of the day. Alternatively, please phone the office to arrange a convenient time to meet. Please find below the details of what your child will be learning this half term.

We look forward to having a great half term!

Topic Focus: Explorers

This half term our topic is Explorers. Within this exciting topic, the children will learn about mountain and arctic explorers and develop their artistic, musical, historical and geographical skills. They will plan, film and edit their very own video documentaries using iMovie. On completion of their projects, they will invite you to attend a screening so you can witness first-hand the results of their hard work. In Science, we will be learning about how plants and animals are classified and carrying out our own investigations using scientific inquiry skills.

English (incl Reading)



In English, during the first two weeks, the whole of Key Stage 2 will be studying 'The Journey' by Francesca Sana, the powerful story of a family forced to flee their war-torn homeland. We will consider the difficulties faced by the family in the story before writing our own script for a UNICEF-style campaign video. Our book for the rest of the half term will be 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. This is a true story of how Ernest Shackleton and his crew survived crossing Antarctica and complements well our topic of Explorers.

Maths



In our Maths lessons we will work on a broad range of skills, particularly focusing on our arithmetic skills, using mental and written methods for all four operations. In the first few weeks, much of our learning will be focused around developing our investigation skills and choosing appropriate problem solving strategies.

In addition, we will focus on developing our fluency in mental arithmetic and we are very excited to launch our new Times Tables Champions scheme, in which children can win bronze, silver and gold awards

Reminders

Important dates

Meet the Teacher: Thursday 14th
September

Class 22 Assembly: Tuesday 10th
October

SNAP Theatre Workshop: Friday
20th October

Class 21 Assembly: Tuesday 31st
October

Documentary Viewing: Date to be
confirmed

Topic-related Trips: Dates to be
confirmed.

Reminders

Please can all children bring their PE kits with them on a Monday and take them home on a Friday to be washed.

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of small stud earrings.

Children are permitted to bring in 30p for Healthy Snack Shop, which runs on Tuesday to Friday each week.

Home Learning

Spellings will be given out weekly on Tuesdays. Children should hand these in the following Monday, when they will sit their weekly spelling test.

For maths, pupils will be set specific Mathematics tasks to complete online over the weekend. These will be assessed and discussed during their Monday morning maths lesson.

Please find the schedule for our creative curriculum homework attached. Homework is due to be handed in every Wednesday.

E-Safety Other H&S British Values etc.

This term, our Heronsgate Values are Responsibility and Freedom. Children will be learning the difference between rights, privileges and responsibilities. As the new year 6 cohort, they will also have the chance to apply for many prestigious roles across the school.

Year 6 children often use mobile phones and messenger services, and we will be teaching the children to use these in a responsible manner. For further guidance, see www.thinkuknow.co.uk