

Year 6



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are thrilled to have all children back at school and we are really looking forward to starting our learning journey in Year 6! We will be delving into some exciting topics this half term and hope that the children will share this fascinating learning with you through discussions at home. We are excited to host our first virtual 'Meet The Teacher' via Showbie on Tuesday 22nd September from 9am!

Miss Jegede, Miss Hayward, Miss Malyon and Mrs Golding.

Topic Focus: Explorers

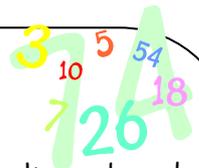
This half term our topic is Explorers. Within this gripping topic, the children will learn about mountain and arctic explorers and develop their artistic, musical, historical and geographical skills. They will plan, film and edit their very own video documentaries using iMovie and on completion of these projects, they will hold a showcase for their classmates. In Science, we will be learning about how plants and animals are classified and we will carry out our own investigations using scientific enquiry skills.

English (incl Reading)



In English, during the first two weeks, Year 6 studied a book titled, 'Here we Are'. The illustrations and the message behind the book prompted us to research inspirational people and create a befitting profile for them. 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 with a particular focus on arithmetic. We will continue to use mental and written methods for all four operations. In the first few weeks, much of our learning will be focusing on number and place value.

The children will also be learning about real-life applications of mathematics through problem-solving activities related to different industries.

We are really concentrating on our times tables this term to ensure that ALL children can recall up to 12x12 times tables rapidly. Please practise these at home daily.

Reminders

Important dates

Meet the Teacher: Available from Tuesday 22nd September- Wednesday 30th September.

Home Learning

Project homework will be sent via Showbie.

Spellings will be given out weekly on Mondays; children will be tested the following Monday.

Please continue to encourage your child to read often and record this in their Reading Champions book. The children will go home with both their assessed book banded book and a novel of their choice.

Times tables is a key focus for Year 6; please continue to practise these regularly. Children should use Times Tables Rock Stars every day and should continue to practise their skills on Mathletics, three times weekly for a minimum of 10 minutes per session.

Reminders

All children **must** bring their PE kits with them on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but must be taken home at the end of each day.

We do not recommend that children under the age of ten walk home alone. However, if you would like them to, you must sign and return a school form. Please contact the office for more details.

Please ensure your child wears correct school uniform every day. See the school website for further details.

Other information including E-safety, H&S, British Values etc.

In order to support learning, pupils may be taught in sets for maths and reading. Additional small group teaching will take place as needed to support your child's progress. Hygiene measures will continue before and after transition to these groups. Children will continue to distance as much as possible.

This term our Heronsgate Value is Responsibility. 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 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