

Year 6 Newsletter

☀️ Summer Term 2022 ☀️

Welcome back after the Easter break, and welcome to our action-packed Summer Term! Year 6 will continue to have their PE day on a Monday with the sports coach and either dance on a Tuesday or PE on a Wednesday with me. The days the children need to come in kit will be communicated via the children's homework diaries and email.

English

During our Literacy lessons this term, we will use our Food and Farming topic as a focus. The children will have the opportunities to write scene settings, diaries and adventure stories based on Kensuki's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. They will also be writing biographies and autobiographies for Mary Anning and Charles Darwin, in addition to balanced arguments about carbon emissions. It is important that the children experience writing in a range of genres in year 6 therefore they will also be exploring persuasive speeches and explanation texts. We will be revising all forms of punctuation ensuring that the children are including them appropriately in their written work. Editing and drafting will play a large part in the improvement of their writing and this is something that the children are becoming more effective at. In reading, the children will use a range of texts to develop their; retrieval (finding); inference (reading between the lines); their understanding of the writer's choice of language and their summarising skills.



Spelling will focus on different patterns and rules including:

- -ance and -ancy nouns
- -ence and -ency words
- Statutory spelling words
- Homophones e.g. draft and draught
- Revision of previously learned patterns



Maths

In preparation for our End of Key Stage Assessments, our Maths learning will revise previously taught units including four operations, fractions, decimals, percentages as well as covering some shape, space and statistics work. After half term, we will continue to learn about percentages followed by:

- Algebra- finding rules, substitution and forming equations
- Converting units- using and applying what the children have learned about multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 including length, mass and capacity
- Ratio- the language associated with it and how to calculate ratios mainly through problems.

In our topic lessons we will learn about volume and shape, linked to the pyramids.

Topic

This term's topic will be focused on Food and Farming. As part of this unit, pupils will learn about the origins of products, calculate food miles and learn about different land uses. The children will learn about how land uses have changed while developing other key geographical skills associated with OS maps. In art lessons, the children will use a range of materials linked to the work of Guiseppe Archinbaldo and they will also be exploring still life images. In DT, the class will be designing and creating their own desserts with hidden healthy ingredients that they will produce and share with you (more information to follow).



RE

In RE this term the children will raise questions about issues which cause people to wonder. They will investigate some answers to be found in religious writings and teachings. They will then move onto investigating God's relationship with people and suggest how, for some people, this helps them make sense of life.



Science

This term's Science will focus on evolution and inheritance, animal and plant adaptations, living things and their habitats and light. In the Evolution unit, pupils will learn about the significance of the work on Mary Anning and Charles Darwin in our understanding on evolution, natural selection and adaptation. They will focus on the adaptations of animals and how these give the animals survival advantages. Our Light topic, will involve a range of practical investigations which will develop the children's understanding of how light travels in straight lines as well as learning how the eye works.



Computing

During the summer term, the children will learn about 'blogging' which will include them making their own blogs and adding blog posts to a shared blog. The children will also learn about quizzes, developing their own picture-based Science quiz using 2DIY. This will progress to them applying what they have been learning to use Text Tool kits to develop grammar based quizzes as well.



French

French will continue to be taught by Miss Paris on a Thursday and this term their unit is called 'Me in the World'. They will learn how to discuss their surroundings in French and be taking part in French conversations with each other.

Bikeability

Year 6 children have been invited to take part in Bikeability Level 2. Working with qualified staff, the children will complete a basic skills assessment on the school playground before developing their skills out in the local area. The children will need a suitable, well fitted helmet and appropriately sized bike available in school for the **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th June**. The sessions will continue in the event of rain so please ensure that the children come to school in appropriate clothing.



To support our learning about 'Food and Farming', Year 6 will visit the working arable farm Packington. As part of the visit the children will learn about farming techniques, machinery and produce. This is largely subsidised by Packington's Education Program, therefore there is no cost to the children. This will take place on **Friday 10th June**.

Finally, homework will continue to be given out on a Friday each week to be handed in the following Wednesday. The children would benefit from regular reading, spelling and times tables practise at home as well. As ever, if you have any questions at all please contact me on staff17@croft.staffs.sch.uk
Kind regards,
Mrs Hatton.