

Year 6 Newsletter



Spring Term 2024

A Happy New Year and a massive thank you for the kind gifts, cards and best wishes that I received before Christmas. They were very much appreciated. Welcome to Spring term 2024! This newsletter aims to give you're an outline of the learning that Year 6 will cover this term.



English

We are continuing to follow our scheme - The Write Stuff for the first half term a writing program that has already had such an impact on the children's writing. Our focus for this term will be on: using more complicated linking phrases such as 'on the other hand' and 'as a consequence', choosing and using varied and precise vocabulary and developing our use of colons and semi colons. In addition, editing and drafting will play a large part in the improvement of our writing. In reading, the children will continue to develop a range of skills including; retrieval (finding); inference (reading between the lines); their understanding of the writer's choice of language and their summarising skills. The second half of the term will focus on different genres of writing to include information pamphlets, explanations, retelling and descriptions, to support children with their SATs work. Our class texts for this term are 'Cloud Busting' and 'The Boy In The Girls Bathroom.' For spelling this term we will be learning homophones ending in 'ce' and 'se' words, words that end in 'cious' and 'tious' while continuing to learn to spell our Year 6 statutory words.



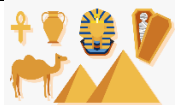
Maths

Our Maths topics this half term will include:

- Fractions- including rules for all four operations
- Measures (imperial and metric)
- Decimals- to three decimal places and finding equivalence to fractions
- Percentages- calculating percentages of numbers as well as finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

After half term we will continue to learn about percentages followed by:

- Algebra- finding rules, substitution and forming equations
- Position and direction identifying coordinates
- 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 Ancient Egypt. In history, the children will learn about who the Ancient Egyptian's were and what evidence tells us about them. The children will learn about life in Ancient Egypt, the contrast between rich and poor, Ancient Egyptian beliefs the significance of the Rossetta stone and how farming has changed. Through Geography, we will use maps and atlases to learn about the location, some of its main geographical features and environment in Egypt, compare it to the UK and consider time zones, In DT, the children will use their wood work skills to design and create Ancient Egyptian Shadufs while in Art the children will develop perspective sketching techniques and 3D drawing techniques as well.

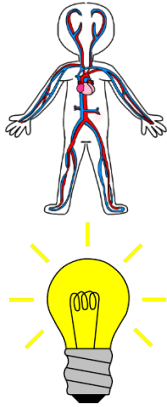
Whitmore lakes

We are very excited about our Year 6 Outdoor and Adventurous experience at Whitmore Lakes (March 6th) You have received an invitation to a meeting in the second week back, (Thursday 18th) with more information about the week. On the same day there will be a SATs information meeting for you to attend to go through all that is expected.



PE

PE lessons will take place every Monday and Tuesday morning. On Mondays the children will learn skills associated with tag rugby and then tri-golf with Mr Hays while on a Tuesday the children will develop their gymnastics skills with myself. Please can we ask that the children come to school in black tracksuit, trainers and a plain white tshirt with their school jumper for these sessions.



Science

This term's Science will focus on the human body including identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. The children will learn about the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. They will also learn the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. In Spring 2, the children will complete their topic on light. This will involve us carrying out investigations, making predictions and drawing conclusions to show that light travels in straight lines, how we see and explaining how shadows are made. Within this unit there will be lots of practical investigations for the children, including making their own pin hole cameras.



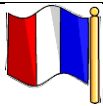
Computing

During the Spring term, Year 6 will be learning all about 'spreadsheets' and 'quizzing' using our Purple Mash program to code and debug games that they plan and make and then create quizzes for their friends to play.



PSHE

In PSHE this term we will follow a unit called 'Me and My Safety' which is all about, the effects of drugs and substances on the body, peer pressure and first aid. We will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding session that teaches children recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.



French

This term in French Year 6 will be looking at - The Weekend: The children will be able to ask and say what the time is, say what they do at the weekend, use connectives to write a short paragraph describing their weekend.



RE

This term's RE will allow the children to reflect on religion in the local community and then teach them to make connection between stories, beliefs and actions and explain the wider impact on believers and communities.

Finally, homework will continue to be given on a Friday each week to be handed in the following Wednesday. The children would continue to benefit from regular reading, spelling and timestables practise at home as well. As ever, if you have any questions at all please contact me on staff25@croft.staffs.sch.uk
Kind regards, Mr Hughes