

Curriculum Newsletter – Year 6

Autumn 2020

Welcome to Year 6

We've had a great start to Year 6, the children have come back focused and ready to learn. As you probably know the class have a number of different teachers through the week, giving specialist knowledge to certain subjects. Our new Spanish teacher is Miss Tarazona, Mr M will take the children for PE; Miss Baker will teach music; and Miss Palmer will teach ICT.

Homework

The focus should be reading and we cannot emphasize enough the importance of this. Children should continue to read every day, please can you sign their reading records after they have read independently or to someone else. Also encourage them to make notes in their reading record about the book. We will collect reading record books in every Monday and talk to your child about their reading.

Children will be given a reading book from school and once they have finished they will need to return these books **on a Friday** before being allowed to take out a new book on a Monday. In addition to this, children are allowed to bring in one book from home (appropriate for their reading level) which will be used at times for their own personal use in class.

Children need to come to school in their P.E. kits on a Tuesday and Thursday. They will wear their kits all day.

We have an exciting year ahead. Here are some of the areas we will be covering this term...

Maths- place-value including decimals, using the four operations, fractions and percentages.

English – We have used our talk for writing approach to learn 'The Old Mill' – a suspense story. We will be writing our own innovated versions of this. We will also be looking at Newspaper reports this half term.

ART/DT – We will be looking at abstract Art through modelling and sculpturing hearts.

ICT – Use search technologies effectively.

R.E.- We will be exploring different sources of wisdom from religious books to modern day people. We will also look at the differences between knowledge and wisdom and how wisdom can help us in our own lives.

P.S.H.E To recognise that their actions affect themselves and others. The children will lead discussions on why to care about other people's feelings and the importance of trying to see things from other points of view.



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Science

In science, we will be dissecting a real sheep's heart! By the end of the unit the children should be able to identify the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/circulation/read/1/

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/human-circulatory-system>

Topic

Our topic this first half term is called 'Blood Heart'. If you have the time at home you may wish to research heart-healthy foods together and try out delicious, nutritious recipes that will make your heart happy? You could also set up an obstacle course in the garden and take each other's pulse before and after exercise to see how it changes. Alternatively, you could investigate advice for keeping your heart healthy and make an informative poster. Below are some books you may find of interest.

Title	Author	ISBN
Pig Heart Boy	● Malorie Blackman	9780552551663
Bodies: The Whole Blood-Pumping Story (Science Sorted)	Glenn Murphy	9781447254591
Heroic Heart (Body Works)	Anna Claybourne	9781781711248
The Heart and the Bottle	● Oliver Jeffers	9780007182343
Heartbeat Away	Laura Summers	9781848121096
Heart and Lungs	Andrew Solway	9781445138817
The Human Body (The World in Infographics)	Jon Richards and Ed Simkins	9780750278683
Your Heart and Lungs (Science in Action)	Sally Hewitt	9781784934613
The Circulatory System: Where Do I Get My Energy?	Chris Oxlade	9781406274318
Your Thumping Heart and Battling Blood System (Your Brilliant Body)	Paul Mason	9780750292405
Keeping Fit (Healthy for Life)	Anna Claybourne	9781445149745
Food and Eating (Healthy for Life)	Anna Claybourne	9781445149721



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