



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 2017

Welcome back! The year 6 team are really looking forward to the term ahead and we have lots of exciting activities planned for your child. In order for you to have a better understanding of what the children will be learning in Year 6 this term, we have put together some general information about the main topics we will be studying.

ENGLISH

FICTION - In English this term we will be studying different genres of narrative. In the second half of the term the children will be writing a 'flashback' story, using their knowledge of character and setting description. **NON FICTION** - Explanation texts linking to our Topic of Evolution & Inheritance/Classification and a Biography of Mary Anning.

GUIDED READING - Children will continue to practice skills during daily sessions to include: Reading with expression and intonation, comprehension, inference & deduction, prediction, retrieval of information and identifying language and how structure and presentation contribute to meaning. Children will also be required to provide reasoned justifications for their views.

READING-Studies have shown that the most prolific readers make the best writers. With that in mind children are required to read for a minimum of 10 minutes each evening and record this in their planners. Parents are asked to sign children's planners at least once a week to confirm reading has taken place. Children will also have one 'reading for pleasure' session during guided reading each week.

MATHS

In this half term we will cover a range of topics to include: Number, Fractions/Decimals/Percentages, Algebra, Problem Solving, Estimating and Rounding. Every Wednesday children will be Broadening and deepening their mathematical skills by completing an enquiry based project, this will span the entire half term. This half term the children will be designing/costing and planning a theme park.

Children are encouraged to learn their times tables every night as it is a requirement that by end of Year 4 all children should know multiplication and relating division facts up to 12 x tables. To facilitate this, children will be creating a mental maths book to use at home and school. Each week the children will have a mental maths test, which will be recorded in their mental maths books in order for you to monitor their progress. The said tests will be based on their maths targets; an outline of which is attached to this newsletter.

Learning Journey

This term children will be focussing on Science, your child will be learning about evolution & inheritance and classification which will be complemented with a visit to the Natural History Museum in Tring on 18th September 2017. For further venue information please visit <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/tring.html> . In the second half of the Autumn Term we will continue our scientific studies by looking at Planet Earth.

Science will be taught through a mixture of theory lessons and practical investigations.

P.E.

The areas we will be covering in P.E. this term are swimming - to include lifesaving skills, Dance and 'Going for Goals'. In games the children will be playing Tag Rugby. It is important that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day (we suggest a roll on deodorant is included in their kit bag, please note aerosol spray is not permitted).

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

THE YEAR 6 TEAM

Mrs Harris - Willow Class Teacher and year 6 leader

Mr Cawley - Willow Class Teaching Assistant

Mrs Hill - Willow Class Teaching Assistant

Mr Jones - Willow Class PPA (paperwork, planning and assessment) cover

Mr Scott - Redwood Class Teacher

Mrs Bates - Redwood Class Teaching Assistant

Miss Evans - Birch Class Teacher

Mrs Clark - Birch Class Teaching Assistant

Mr Gee - Birch/Redwood RE Teacher

Mrs Green Birch/Redwood PE Teacher

HOME LEARNING

Home learning will be set on a weekly basis. It will be issued every Thursday and expected to be completed and handed to the class teacher the following Tuesday.

Home learning is designed to reinforce work studied in class. During October half term there will be a humanities project for the children to complete which will be a 'local history study,' details will follow nearer the time.

Here are a few websites that children might find helpful to support their learning at home:

- ✓ The BBC has activities in a range of subjects across the curriculum: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/
- ✓ for numeracy, literacy and science support, children could look at the BBC Revise wise section:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/index.shtml>
- ✓ there are a range of interactive games to support numeracy and literacy on the woodlands Junior school website
<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/>

MUSIC & ART

This term our Art focus will be sculpture, shape and pattern, this will be facilitated through our learning journey topic. To understand this medium, children will study fossils and create representations of them. Should you have any fossils or appropriate reading material at home we would be delighted to use it as part of our learning. In music, we are learning about how singing has evolved over the years. The children will be composing and performing a short piece of music to their peers.