

Year 6 Class Newsletter

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Curriculum information

Welcome to Year 6 Term 1

This is an overview of what your child will be learning this term.

Our topic this term is 'Natural Disasters'. We will be looking at a variety of natural disasters and exploring the effects they can have on the environment and human race. The children will begin by learning about volcanoes; exploring how and why they happen, the structure of a volcano and the types of volcanoes that exist. They will also be building model volcanoes and making them 'explode' using a chemical reaction. Furthermore, they will learn about hurricanes and tornadoes; researching well known disasters and analysing the impacts they have.



Science

Our science topic for Term 1 is Animals Including Humans. Children will be learning to identify and name the main parts of the circulatory system and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will also describe the way nutrients are transported in animals. This will involve practical investigation work where children will explore scientific ideas and use information to help them form predictions and hypotheses.

Computing

In computing, children will be identifying a problem which can be solved with an app. They will then work to develop their app and pitch it in a 'Dragon's Den' style!

English

This term, English will link to our topic of natural disasters. We will be exploring survival stories and developing our writing skills by creating newspaper reports and diaries. Additionally, we will be exploring what life was like in Pompeii after the famous eruption in 79 A.D. by creating our own narrative of the event.

English homework will be set either online or on paper. This will be set on alternate weeks and children will be given a week to complete it. We will give more information about homework in the next couple of weeks. There is also an expectation that children will read for at least 15 minutes each evening.

Spellings—are given out each week and are consolidated through a weekly dictation on Fridays. Children are encouraged to review these spellings at home.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR READING BOOK TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

P.E

PE lessons are on **Fridays for Ruby and Pearl Class.**

PE will include an outdoor games sessions, based on Tag Rugby and Hockey.

Due to COVID-19, it is important your child arrives at school wearing the appropriate clothing and remains in their PE kit throughout the whole day.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that the children always have their kit in school, to enable full participation. Please provide a warm track-suit / jogging bottoms for the cold weather. No earrings to be worn in PE.



PSHE and RE

We will be welcoming your children back with a well-developed PSHE program (PIXL), ensuring we are able to fulfil every individual's needs since their absence earlier this year.

In addition to this, the children will be focusing on the topics of aspiration and organization. They will discuss dreams and ambitions and how to set achievable goals along the way. As well as this, they will explore a key skill: organization. They will discuss time management, planning and preparation.

This term in R.E. we will be focusing on why some people believe God exists and why different religions believe in different Gods.

As you are aware, Year 6 is a very important year for your child, both in terms of the forthcoming SATs and in preparation for the transition to secondary school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to ensure that your child achieves the very best that they can this year by maintaining a high level of attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

Water Bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day. **This should contain ONLY water.**

Maths

Maths will initially focus on number, place value, fractions and both written and mental calculations. These skills will be applied to solving word problems and carrying out investigations.

Homework - will be set on alternate weeks and either online or on paper. Children will be given a week to complete it. We will give you more information in the next couple of weeks.

