

Year 6 Class Newsletter

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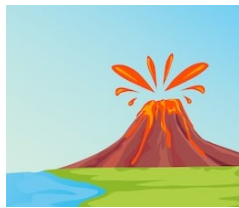
Curriculum information

Welcome to Year 6 Term 1

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

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Survival'. 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 given out every other Wednesday and collected in on the following Wednesday; however, this may vary according to the weekly focus – as sometimes preparation or consolidation is necessary. There is 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 football session as well as an indoor gymnastic session.

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

During PSHE this term the children will be focusing on aspirations and organisation. 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; organisation. 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.

Water Bottles

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

Maths homework will be sent out every other Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. This is to support and consolidate class learning, further investigative activities or the learning of times table facts.

