

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 Term 3 2021/22

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy ready for an exciting term of learning. We all had a relaxing winter break and are really excited to be back at school, with lots of amazing learning opportunities planned. In Year 6, we have Mr Miller and Miss Allan learning with us every day. Ms Smaka will learn with us once every two weeks on a Friday. It is important your child brings in their **water bottle, books and a coat** every day! We will be using diamond power to keep ourselves organised and independent this term. Please continue to log in to ClassDojo where you will be able to see the amazing learning taking place in and outside of our classroom.

Readers and Writers

This term, we will study the book 'The Viewer',



which is written and illustrated by Shaun Tan and Gary Crew. We will be focussing on using ISPACE openers, dialogue and descriptive language. We will

continue to practise and develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills within our writing sessions with a key focus on expanding our vocabulary choices.

Alongside this, children will learn key reading skills including skimming and scanning a text to find information, making inferences, summarising, as well as how to answer questions that require the retrieval of facts from a text.



Later in the term, we will focus our learning on another picture book: 'Greta and the Giants'.

Mathematicians

For this term, our maths units are fractions



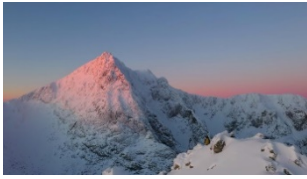
and decimals and percentages. We will be looking to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. After this,

we will link our fraction learning to decimals and percentages and learn how to calculate percentages of amounts. We will also continue to revise our multiplication facts and use these in our daily sessions to support our learning. As always, please support at home by practising times tables with your child.

Children have been given 'Times Table Rock Stars' log in details to access the fabulous Times Table Rock Star online website – they loved logging on. If you need any support with usernames or passwords, speak to one of the Year 6 team and we will be only too happy to help.

Geographers

As geographers, we will be writing a geographical report on our own mountain ranges including geographical diagrams, maps and charts. Children will be learning about well-known mountain ranges across the globe. They will be learning about how mountains have been formed and how to use OS maps.



Later in the term, we will learn about sustainability and how we can build a more sustainable planet.

Kindness in the Classroom



Our unit for Kindness in the Classroom is **inclusiveness**. We will be thinking about what it means to include others, inviting them in and welcoming them with open arms. We will be reading some stories and looking at different scenarios and thinking about how we can act respectfully. Every week, one child will be awarded a certificate showing how they have used their Kindness in the Classroom skills.

Jigsaw

During our Jigsaw (PSHE) learning this term, children will be learning and thinking about '**Dreams and Goals**'. Children will be considering personal learning goals, their own steps to success and thinking about dreams for the world.



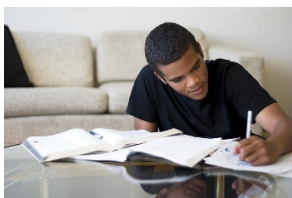
Athletes

During this term, we will be athletes every Thursday afternoon all afternoon. The children need come into school already dressed ready for PE. This means children should be in a white or green tee shirt, black jumper or hoody or school jumper, black shorts or joggers and black trainers. During the first part of our afternoon, we will be following our Real PE learning and focus on the 'Personal Cog'. During the second half of the afternoon children will be developing their hockey skills with Bristol Sport.



Spellings

We are continuing to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have twenty spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday morning.



Homework

For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will also be set weekly writing and maths homework to support their learning in school. We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for **25 minutes 5 times a week**. Please support your child in encouraging them to read daily. Reading bookmarks will be checked on a Thursday.

If you have any questions at all, please contact us through ClassDojo or at the door.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Miller and Miss Allan