

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 Term 2 2019/20

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you all had a great break and have come back full of energy for the term. This term is full of great learning opportunities and experiences.

Key dates:

Forest school - Every Tuesday this term

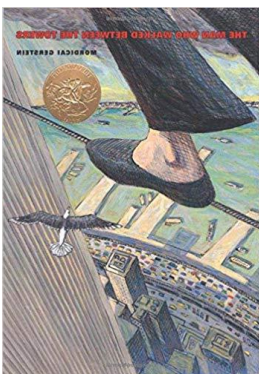
Year 6 Art Gallery - Tuesday 19th November at 2:45 pm

Parents Evenings - Wednesday 27th November and Thursday 28th November

Museum Trip - Thursday 12th December

Readers and Writers

Our writing this term will be based on *The Man Who Walked between the Towers* by Mordecai Gerstein. Pupils will be learning to write news reports and newspaper reports that will centre around the same events within the book.



This will give pupils an opportunity to revise relative clauses and learn all about passive voice and how it can be used effectively.

In reading this term, we will begin to look at the various types of questions we are asked to check our reading comprehension test. Pupils will consolidate their ability to answer a range of retrieval questions as well as a range of other question types. Pupils will continue to expand their vocabulary too.

It is expected that pupils in year 6 read for 30 minutes at home, every day: this will help



Mathematicians

In maths this term, Year 6 will be using their knowledge of place value and number to solve problems using the four operations.

This will include knowing formal methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.

Please support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to access Mathematics and practise their number knowledge. Following the half term, Year 6 will be learning multiplication techniques. It would be beneficial if pupils knew their multiplication tables to 12 x 12.

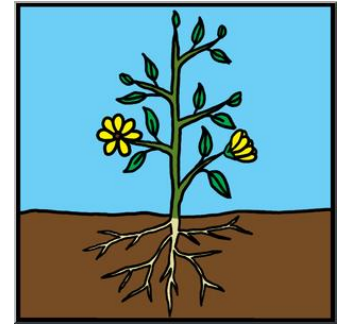
If you type 'Topmarks Bingo' into Google you will get a link to a fun website with bingo games to play with your child, which will really help with their learning of the multiplication tables.

their reading stamina and give them opportunities to relax with a book too.

Scientists

In Science, we will be studying plant structures. This will give pupils the opportunity to carry out investigation into plants and how they function.

Pupils will be posing questions and using our scientific minds to answer these questions in a fair way. They will be developing our logical, systematic and scientific thinking through investigations.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching PE to our class. This term, the focus sport will be netball. The children will have PE every Thursday so please make sure they have their PE kit on that day. PE kits needs to be a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers.



Pupils will be assessed through-out the term to identify their individual spelling needs. These assessments will give your child an individualised list of spellings that they will then need to learn at home.



For homework, children have their weekly spelling list as outlined above. They will be set Mathletics activities for them to access online at **mathletics.com**
We have a new library which the children will use every week. Children are expected to read for 30 minutes every day. Your child is expected to write in their reading log daily. These logs will be checked each Friday. Parents will be informed if their child is not completing their homework tasks.
Please support your child by signing their reading diary each week.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Etherington