

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 Term 3 2019/20

Happy New Year! Welcome back to Term 3! 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:

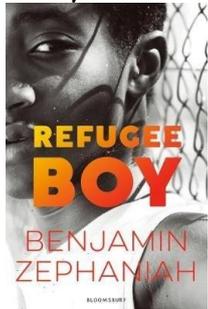
J3 library visit - 11th February

SATs meeting for parents - 13th February

Science Dome - 14th February

Readers and Writers

Our writing this term will be based on *Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah. Pupils will be learning to write narratives based on the story.



This will give pupils an opportunity to build their knowledge of cohesive devices and passive voice and how it can be used effectively. They will also revise noun phrases.

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

Mathematicians

In maths this term, Year 6 will be learning about fractions. They will be building on their previous learning as well as learning how



to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions.

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.

Scientists

In Science, we will be studying chemical change. Pupils will be posing questions and using their scientific minds to answer these questions in a fair way. They will be developing our logical, systematic and scientific thinking through investigations.



Geography

In geography, pupils will be learning about volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes. This will be the foundation of our class assembly. We will be making volcanoes and using our science skills to erupt them. We will also be looking at where volcanoes can be found on Earth and why they are located in certain places in the world.



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.



We will continue to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have six focus 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 afternoon.



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