

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 Term 4 2019/20

We have had a great year so far and this term will be even better! 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:

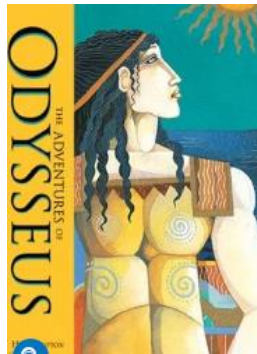
Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March -Parents Evening

Friday 3rd April - INSET day

Readers and Writers

Our writing this term will be based on Greek Mythology. Pupils will be learning to write narratives following the adventurous style of myths.



This will give pupils an opportunity to build their knowledge of cohesive devices and using passive voice effectively. They will also look at character development and building tension.

In reading this term, we will continue to look at the various types of questions test our reading comprehension test. Pupils will consolidate their ability to answer a range of retrieval and inference 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 focussing on the wider mathematical curriculum. We will look at reasoning questions

involving prior learning and build our mathematical knowledge of measures, including time.

Please support your child's learning by giving them opportunities to access Mathematics and practise their number knowledge. It would be beneficial if your child already knows how to read analogue and digital clocks in preparation for the Year 6 curriculum.

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



Historians

In history, we will be learning about the ancient *Greeks*. We will be finding out how the ancient *Greeks* effect our lives today. We will also be using our geography skills to locate places of interest linked to the topic.

Search, "bbc bitesize greeks" with your child at home to learn all about the ancient *Greeks*. At the end of the learning, your child will be writing all about Alexander the Great and the legacy of the ancient *Greeks*.



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 **Tuesday** 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**

Children are expected to read for 30 minutes every day at their reading level.

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