

Welcome back to Year 6! We had an excellent first half-term with all children demonstrating a very strong attitude towards their learning, which has been very impressive.

English

In English this half term, the children will be focusing on *persuasive writing*. They will be learning to orally retell a persuasive text using story maps and actions. The children will be thinking about the structure and features of persuasive texts. We will be working on the use of effective persuasive openers, rhetorical questions and the use of imperative verbs. The children will then be planning, writing and editing their own persuasive pieces.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about: Exploring fractions – adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying them. The children will also be ordering them and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers and vice-versa.

Science

This half term we will be exploring the Science topic: *Living things and their Habitats*. During this topic, the children will be grouping and sorting animals based on their characteristics and animal groups, exploring vertebrates and invertebrates, identifying what a microorganism is and exploring plants.

History

Our history unit this half term continues to be The Vikings. Our big question is whether The Vikings were explorers or raiders? We will be building a timeline, exploring the kings of the period and discovering what life was like at that time. At the end of this unit, the children will engage in an exciting Viking Day where they will get to experience what it was like to be a Viking.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is *Christianity*. The children will learn about the key beliefs and practices of this religion. We will be considering: ‘Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?’ This will entail a lot of speaking and listening, where the children will be invited to share their own personal feelings and experiences.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about *Diversity and Communities (Citizenship)*. The children will be discussing what diversity is and the impact it has on communities. They will share their learning to their peers in the parallel Year 6 class.

PE

This half term, the children will be doing Gymnastics. Children will be focusing on counter-balance and counter-tension. Children will focus on developing teamwork and collaborative skills as well as evaluating their own and other’s work providing motivating feedback.

Art / DT

Children will be finding out more about our class artists (Yinka Shonibare and Lubaina Himid) and using their work as inspiration for their own projects during our D&T week.

Music

In Year 6, the children will continue learning the history of the Blues as well as recognising the significance of the 12- bar Blues structure. They will be playing the ukuleles and keyboards to support their learning.

Homework

Home learning letters will be handed out each week on a Friday. There will be weekly Grammar, maths and spelling homework. Please encourage your child to practise and use their spellings daily. Library books are changed regularly. Please ensure your child brings their book in to school each day.

Please do support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and if you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. There is an expectation that all Year 6 children complete their homework on a weekly basis.

A quick reminder of our email addresses if you need to contact us or have any questions ☺ –

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