



Hello Year 6 – welcome back! We hope you had a restful Easter holiday and are ready for the final term of the academic year. ☺

English

In English this half term the children will be focusing on poetry and a narrative. They will be learning the features of both genres and practising the language features of the non-fiction texts. The children will be thinking about the structure of the genres and will plan, write and edit their own texts.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about:

- Angles (including within shapes)
- Circles
- 3D shapes (including nets).

We will also be revisiting other areas of maths in the run up to the end of KS2 assessments.

Destination Reader

We will explore past reading assessment papers. The children will get the opportunity to practise answering them whilst being taught efficient and effective techniques which will enable them to solve the problems effectively.

Science

Our Science topic for the spring term is *Evolution and Inheritance*. During this topic, the children will explore living things and how they have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will learn that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. The children will also be identifying how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

History

Our history unit is migration to Britain. The children will be examining and understanding broader reasons as to why migrants came to Britain. We will also be looking at the diverse experiences

people who have migrated to Britain have had over the decades.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is *Islam: life after death*. We will be considering: Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? We will discuss the meaning and how it impacts onto the Islamic religion. This will entail a lot of speaking and listening, where the children will be invited to share their own personal feelings and experiences.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will be focusing on Zones of Regulation techniques and having weekly circle times as we approach the assessments.

PE

This half term, the children will be developing their athletics skills with a primary focus on their running technique and how they can best ensure to run as quickly as possible. Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays for Shonibare and Himid. Please ensure they have their PE kit on these days. Some of the Year 6 children will be swimming on a Friday.

Computing

In this unit, the pupils learn a few commands of a text-based programming language (Python), enabling progression from Scratch. They create a simple, textbased adventure game

Music

The children will start preparing for their end of year performance.

End of Key Stage 2 Assessments

The assessments (SPAG, Reading and Maths) will take place on the week commencing Monday 13th May. More information will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you for all of your cooperation with this throughout the year – it is very much appreciated.

Homework

There will be weekly English, maths and spelling homework. Please encourage your child to practise and use their spellings daily. Guided reading and free choice books are regularly changed. Please ensure your child brings their book in to school each day. Once children have finished their book, please make sure that they take an AR quiz. Also, children should be completing Rockstars every week online; this will help them when they do their weekly times tables challenge on a Friday.

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 in Year 6 on your child competing all of their homework.**