

Year 6: Autumn 2: Empire of the Sun

Information about Year 6

Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on Friday. Reading, spellings and times tables should be practised every night.

P.E. Timetable:

Class 6A: PE Monday and Friday

Class 6B: PE Tuesday and Friday

Class 6C: PE Monday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child brings in a full PE kit to school labelled with their name and class. No jewellery is to be worn so please remove prior to school.

Uniform:

Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform including their blazers and ties.

Appointments:

Class Teachers are always happy to discuss your child. Just make an appointment via the year group email – Year6@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

English

In English, the children will be studying the Poem: Rabbit in the Mixer. They will identify the poetic features of the poem and then create their own free verse poem about the Sea. They will explore the emotions behind the characters' actions. We will also aim to help children to develop empathy for the plight of the character, the Grandad, within the poem. We will also be reading the story: Brashem's Tortoise, children will write a story, using powerful imagery to build a picture of the setting in the reader's mind. Children will be taught to develop their reading skills. Strategies will be taught by their teacher through weekly guided reading, daily shared reading and read aloud sessions. Please sign the home reading record. All our reading books are online through Bug Club on Active Learn.co.uk.

Spelling and Grammar

The children will continue to focus on a new spelling pattern every week and will learn how to use and apply these rules. They will continue to revise and master the Year 5 & 6 list of spellings. Whilst grammar lessons will focus on word classes, using punctuation and range of sentence types for effect.

Useful websites for spelling and grammar:

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/lookcover/lookcover.html>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

www.activelearn.co.uk

The Wider Curriculum

This half-term our topic is continuing with Mexico but we will be focusing on The Aztecs as part of our History unit.

- ◆ In **DT**, the children will use a sketchbook to plan and develop ideas. They will create a woven bookmark using Aztec design.
- ◆ In **Science** this half term, children will learn about light and how we see things. They will be able to explain how light travels as well as a range of scientific terminology related to light Children will plan and conduct their own investigations.
- ◆ During **RE**, children will explore what different religions say about life after death.
- ◆ In **PE** lessons children will have the opportunity develop and refine their basketball skills. They will also perform gymnastic routines in pairs and in groups.
- ◆ In **ICT** children will create then program an algorithm on a program called Scratch. They will also learn about how networks work.
- ◆ In **Spanish** will learn Spanish words to do with everyday life. They will develop and refine their skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking through a range of activities.
- ◆ In **Music**, the children will be listening to and appraising different Christmas Carols. They will perform and evaluate each other's performances.

Maths:

In Maths this half-term, the children will be taught to use multiplication and division skills to calculate factors and multiples. They will begin to understand the importance of multiplication facts and how they can be used to solve questions involving multiples and factors. We will teach the children how to order fractions and change them from improper fractions to mixed numbers. Children will also be taught how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages using their understanding of multiplication and division. Children are expected to learn the multiplication and related division facts and apply this knowledge to solve arithmetic questions. They will extend their knowledge of multiplication and division and will have the opportunities to practise effective written methods which they apply in a range of contexts. Your child's class teacher will be happy to answer any maths queries! Please continue to practise times tables with your child so they are secure in their recall of the number facts.

Useful websites:

<https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6>

<http://www.amblesideprimary.com/ambleweb/mentalmaths/mentalmachine2.html>