

It is lovely to welcome all Year 6 parents and children back to school. We are looking forward to working with you all to achieve fun and greatness this year!

Information about Year 6

Homework:

Maths and English homework will be given out on **Monday** and must be returned on Friday. Reading (20 minutes), 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 Class Dojo.

English

In English, the children will be learning about Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow. They will be exploring the motivations behind the characters' actions. We will be using drama to explore parody (exaggerated comedy) which will result in retelling of the story. We will also aim to help children to develop empathy for the plight of different characters within the stories. 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. We will also be looking at narrative poetry and the use of emotive language to evoke feelings within the reader. Work will focus on stories with flashbacks. Both fiction and non-fiction will be studied.

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/ableweb/lookcover/lookcover.html>

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

Year 6: Autumn 1: Empire of the Sun

The Wider Curriculum

◆ This half-term our topic is 'Empire of the Sun' where pupils will learn about Mexico. Children will gain a geographical understanding by learning to use maps and atlases to locate Mexico and identify key physical and human features. We will then move on to learning about Mexican crops.

◆ In **Art**, the children will use a sketchbook to plan and develop ideas. They will work with clay to mould Day of the Dead masks and explore the patterns used in these designs. They will explore the meaning of colour.

◆ In **Science** this half term, children will work on making an electric circuits. They will evaluate their circuits and write a list of instructions on how to build a circuit. They will investigate the components of different circuits and how to effect these in a circuit. Pupils will also explore the birds found on the site and how this changes across the course of the year and why.

◆ During **RE**, children will explore how certain art forms can be used to express feelings and intentions, especially in a religious context.

◆ In **PE** lessons children will have the opportunity develop and refine their performance in gymnastics. Children will also learn skills for passing, dribbling, defending and marking an opponent in basketball.

◆ In **ICT** we will be working with Excel to produce spreadsheets. Pupils will enter data, make formulae and create graphs.

◆ In **Spanish** children will learn the nouns for family members and consolidate numbers by saying their ages.. They will develop and refine their skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking through a range of activities

Maths:

In Maths this half-term, the children will be taught to read, write and compare numbers with up to 7 digits as well as decimal numbers. They will be taught to explain the value of each digit with a particular focus on zero as a place holder. Children will learn to round numbers to any degree of accuracy, including decimals. After this, students will learn how to multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 before moving on to applying this strategies in a range of contexts. We will then move onto teaching children a range of mental strategies to add and subtract as well as a formal written method to add and subtract whole and decimal numbers. Children will learn to apply these strategies to a range of multi-step word problems. Finally, children will then learn how to use the long multiplication method and use this strategy in a range of contexts.

Children will also be taught regular arithmetic lessons to consolidate their understanding and use of number operations. They will develop stamina and pace in working mentally and learn to identify the most efficient strategies in solving problems.

Please continue to practise times tables with your child so they are secure in their recall of the number facts as this is essential to Mathematics this term. Extra multiplication sheets may be handed out to support the children with their times tables.

Useful websites:

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

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