



Spring Term 1 in Year 6



School Uniform

All children should wear the correct school uniform and school shoes. If they are not, the class teacher will mention to parents at the end of the day.

No jewellery is permitted other than stud earrings on non-PE days. Watches are permitted in Key Stage 2, but we ask that they be analogue.

Shoulder-length hair – or longer – needs to be tied back with a hairband.

PE Kit

Your child's PE lessons will be on Wednesday. Please make sure they come to school PE ready, wearing the correct kit. Details about the school's PE kit can be found on our website.

Homework

Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

Maths and English homework will be set on a Monday. This will be their booklets. The booklet should be completed and returned by the following Monday.

In addition, children should read at least 20 minutes at home every day. Please make a note what your child reads in their Reading Record.

How to help your child at home

Check that your child has a quiet place to complete their homework.

Our topic project this term is all about blood and the heart. If you can find time, look up on the internet or in reference books, the basic parts of the heart so they have a basic understanding before we begin.

Please listen to your child read and ask questions about what they have read. Sign the reading record every time you read with your child.

Practise the weekly spellings as well as times tables and division facts. Your child will know if this is something that they need to work on.

Practise reading the clock and working out time differences. This is useful for our class learning, but is also an incredibly important skill to help our children to become more independent.

English

In Term 3, Class 6 will be using the book 'Shadow Forest' by Matt Haig as their focus for writing. We will begin by planning a non-chronological report on a creature which could live in the Shadow Forest. This will be a detailed piece of writing using expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and all of the features you would find in a non-chronological report.

We will also use the book as a springboard for writing play-scripts. With the help of Ms Websper in Drama, the children will write and act out their play-scripts using all of the correct features. There will also be a continued focus on reading comprehension and spelling investigations.



Maths

In Maths in Term 3, the children will be re-visiting several mathematical concepts. To begin with, we will look at ratio and proportion, followed by angles and shape. We will also go over translation, which we last looked at in Year 5. The children will swiftly follow on with fractions and looking at it with more reasoning and problem solving in mind. Our next topic will be probability and data handling. In our last week before our mock SATs, we will look at percentages, reflection and some Roman numerals. There will be a strong focus on reasoning and problem solving.



Topic

Our topic for this term is *Blood Heart*. This focuses on the functions of the digestive and circulatory systems in the body.



The children will measure their resting and active heart rates and explore the reasons for the change. The data will then be transferred into a line graph. We will also look at naming the different parts of the heart, and explore the digestive and the circulatory systems and their functions. Class 6 will also be dissecting a pig heart to further help their understanding of how the heart functions (a letter will be sent out).

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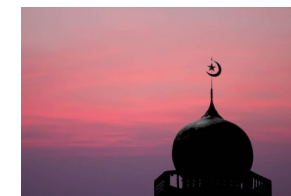
The class will be discussing how both healthy eating and regular exercise are beneficial for promoting a healthy lifestyle. This links nicely with our topic, Blood Heart.

PE

It is gymnastic this term: body management, floor exercises and vaulting. Not a roly poly in sight!

RE

In Term 3, children will build on their previous knowledge of Islam and explore what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.



Music

In Music, Mr Darrock will continue to work on rhythm and pulse using pitched and non-pitched body percussion.

Drama

Mrs Websper will link drama activities our text 'The Shadow Forest'. The children will utilise their acting skills, which will help them to write their own detailed playscripts based on the book.

French

In French we will learn about: At the Cafe & shopping; revision; les verbes reguliers and numbers 1 -100.

Did you know ...

Karl Landsteiner (an Austrian-born American biologist, physician and immunologist) identified the main blood types A, B and O, in 1900.