

Year 6

Autumn Term 1 Curriculum

What's happening in Year 6 this term?

BIG MATHS

Maths lessons this term will cover a range of topics which will allow the children to apply their number skills taught through the CLIC in BIG MATHS, across a range of situations. We hope pupils will grow in their confidence when answering reasoning questions and completing open-ended investigations. In order for the children to build confidence and develop speed and accuracy when using their times tables, we ask you to seize opportunities to practise and learn both the multiplication and division facts up to x 12. As well as continuing to develop calculation skills, we will also be focusing on the understanding of fractions so that the children can use them in various ways, including when adding and subtracting.

ENGLISH

In English we will look at a range of genres and text types. Firstly, children will take on the role of a police officer writing a crime report about the crime that took place in their classroom. The children will develop their skills by ensuring that the events they are writing about are factual and in chronological order, as well as widening the range of punctuation they use. Pupils will also be reading a short narrative and creating the next chapter of the story. Using paragraphs to organise ideas and developing their use of more complex sentences, pupils will carefully craft writing for effect.

SCIENCE/ TOPIC

Though the Imaginative Learning Projects this term, the children in Year 6 will be investigating a crime scene, learning about finger prints and sharing what is unique about themselves. Children will also learn about life cycles, evaluation and adaptation through the discoveries of Charles Darwin. Many of the tasks they complete this term will allow the children to carry out a range of scientific investigations.

Throughout the topic, the children will also have opportunities to complete their own research using a range of sources as well as furthering their knowledge of countries around the world.

In PSHE children will continue to reflect upon values and share their thoughts about what these mean to them during circle time activities. Children will also be exploring Growth Mind-Set, investigating and applying strategies to aid independence and confidence when faced with challenges.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE sessions will continue to take place on Friday afternoons. On Fridays the children will work with our specialist sports coach, who will develop the children's ball skills through team games and skill activities. Weather permitting, this session will mainly take place outside, so when the weather is cold, in addition to their normal PE kits of yellow T-shirt and royal blue shorts, children may wear, black/blue jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and trainers. This term, children will go swimming on Thursday afternoons at Oak Park.

Ear-rings must be removed and long hair tied up for both sessions.

HOMEWORK

MONDAY	Spellings - Your child will have written spellings in their homework diary which they need to learn. This term we are focusing on spelling rules i.e. suffixes or double letters.
TUESDAY	Maths - Children will have their Learn Its and an arithmetic based activity to consolidate times tables.
WEDNESDAY	Reading- Encourage children to read a range of texts.
THURSDAY	Maths - Children will bring home a yellow worksheet to help consolidate their learning in lessons.
FRIDAY	Project Homework - Your child will be set a project which they are to complete over several weeks.

READING RECORD

We ask that you encourage your child to read on a daily basis, both their school reading book as well as books of choice from home or the public library. Please try to listen to your child at least once a week or discuss the book they are reading, recording when you have done this in their school reading record. We look forward to sharing what pupils are reading this year.

Thanks for your co-operation and support,

Mrs T Pearson, Miss A Cliff, Miss L Aston and Mrs D Holliday