

Year 6

Spring Term Curriculum

What's happening in Year 6 this term?

SATs

During this term we will be supporting your child in their preparation for the new style SATs in May. As well as daily Maths and English lessons we will be reviewing topics in maths, grammar, spelling and reading in afternoon sessions.

BIG MATHS

Throughout this term, we will continue to focus on developing and securing the children's mental mathematics abilities, through the teaching of Big Maths calculation strategies as well as developing formal column methods in preparation for the Mental Arithmetic Test. The test will involve the children answering 30 questions in 30 minutes therefore opportunities to develop quick calculation strategies are important. In addition to the Arithmetic Paper, the children will also take two maths reasoning papers.

Please take opportunities to visit <http://www.mymaths.co.uk/> with your child.

Login Leighswood, Password Circle.

Select **National Curriculum (Eng)** from the drop down menu of the left hand side of the screen. Then **Booster packs**, **Upper KS2 booster**. This will provide a range of appropriate activities for your child to review from the new Y5 and Y6 curriculum. It would also be useful to review skills from **Lower KS2 booster**. In addition, any opportunity to review skills involving Roman Numerals would be a benefit, as this is an expectation for all children from Y4 and above. <http://www.roman-numerals.org/games.html>

ENGLISH/TOPIC/SCIENCE

Though the Imaginative Learning Projects this term, the children in Year 6 will be learning about a child's experiences during World War Two.

In English we will look at a range of genres and text types exploring life during WW2 for children. Firstly, we will use the text 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo to create a narrative. Writing skills will be further developed by creating speeches, news reports and recounts.

Throughout the topic, children will be undertaking their own research to investigate what life during WW2 was like for children across Europe. There will be opportunities to crack wartime codes and use rations to create a meal.

Our PSHE themes this term is 'Determination', 'Love' and 'Positivity'. During Assemblies the children will reflect upon what this value means to them and share their thoughts during circle time activities.

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 skills activities. Weather permitting, this session will mainly take place outside, so 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.. **Ear-rings must be removed and long hair tied up for all PE sessions.**

HOMEWORK

MONDAY	Spellings - Your child will have a spelling list which they need to learn for the following week.
TUESDAY	Maths - Your child's maths teacher will set 'Learn its' and/or a yellow worksheet which must be returned to school by the date set
WEDNESDAY	Topic/English Homework - Carry our research related to the project homework
THURSDAY	Maths - Your child's maths teacher will set a yellow worksheet which must be returned to school by the date set
FRIDAY	Project Homework - Your child will be set a project which they are to complete over several weeks.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Science <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z2pfb9q>

Maths : <http://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

English : <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Thanks for your co-operation and support,

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