

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 SATs in May. As well as daily Maths and English lessons, during afternoon sessions we will be supporting children through booster sessions in grammar and reading.

To support your children with their SATs at home, we ask that you encourage your child to read regularly. This can be their school reading book, one from home or the library or even newspapers or magazines. At the start of this term, we will also send home the Y5/6 word list to support their spelling both for SATs and within school.

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. 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.

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

This term, the topic in Year 6 is 'A Child's War'. We will be investigating what life was like for children during WW2 as they experienced evacuation, the Blitz and Hitler's regime.

In English we will explore a range of genres and text types with children producing narrative writing based on Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe', newspapers to declare war and developing their understanding of formality through writing victory speeches for Winston Churchill.

Throughout the topic, the children will also have opportunities to complete their own research using a range of sources, learning about the lives of children around Europe. Children will develop their geographical knowledge of Europe and the changing landscape due to Hitler's invasion and will begin to develop their historical understanding of why this happened and how his plans were stopped. To finish this topic, children will be putting on a VE Day celebration during the last week of the Spring Term. Dates to be confirmed.

Should you wish to visit places of relevance to support your children's learning in school, we can suggest the following places:

The National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas
RAF Museum Cosford

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE sessions will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons. **Ear-rings must be removed and long hair tied up for all PE sessions.**

HOMEWORK

MONDAY	Spellings – Please choose spellings at random from the word list, or from their reading books, to practice.
TUESDAY	Maths – Arithmetic test style questions.
WEDNESDAY	Half an hour reading.
THURSDAY	Maths- Learn It recap.
FRIDAY	

Thanks for your co-operation and support,

Miss L Aston, Miss L Jassal, Miss A Cliff and Mrs D Holliday