

Year 6 Spring Update

2nd Half Term



February 2025

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful, relaxing, and enjoyable half term break.

We are now halfway through the year, and we are so impressed with our Year 6 children. Their attitude and approach to school has remained first class. We have no doubt that the children will maintain this and continue to take ownership of and responsibility for their own learning as well as behaviours in readiness for secondary school. Please could we remind you that trust badges are an important part of the school uniform and should be worn with pride as it gives our Year 6 children a greater sense of identity. We will continue to encourage children to get into the habit of completing homework on time, which includes taking the opportunity of further study.

We ask that all students have the necessary equipment for lessons, namely:

- One pencil case including a pencil, blue/black handwriting pen and pink/red pen, a rubber, a sharpener, and a 15 cm ruler. Coloured pencils, a glue stick and highlighter pens are also desirable.

Diary Dates:

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| Thursday 27 th February | PTA Movie Night. |
| Week beginning Monday 3 rd March | Emotional Gym sessions begin. |
| Wednesday 5 th March | Primary Schools Cross Country Event. |
| Thursday 6 th March | World Book Day. |
| Tuesday 18 th March | Year 6 Du Putron Challenge |
| Thursday 20 th March | Swimarathon. |
| Friday 21 st March | Red Nose Day. |
| Friday 21 st March | Down Syndrome Awareness Day |
| Tuesday 25 th March | Parental Consultations. Please book an appointment if you wish to discuss the spring report further. |
| Thursday 27 th March | Parental Consultations. Please book an appointment if you wish to discuss the spring report further. |
| Wednesday 2 nd April | Autism Awareness Day |
| Friday 4 th April | End of Term. |

Year 6 Performance of 'Make Do and Mend':

Whilst a while away yet, we are well underway with our preparations for the Year 6 production of Make Do and Mend. A reminder that the performances are scheduled for the 7th and 8th May. The script and character parts have been shared already with the children, and script readings have now taken place. Children should now know their role or roles in the production. Information has already gone home detailing relevant parts and costume requirements.

Peer Mediation:

Our peer mediators are doing an amazing job and playing a very important role in school. We are very proud of them indeed in their efforts regarding conflict resolution using mediation as neutral third parties. These, as

we know, are important lifelong skills. Their work in school has been so beneficial to the school community, right across the school. Moving forward, this initiative will soon involve our Year 5 pupils which is exciting.

Homework/Key Stage 2 Tests:

This year, Year 6 pupils will be sitting their KS2 tests, as will all Year 6 children across the country. This takes place during the week of Monday 19th May. Whilst we do not teach to the tests, we will complete some revision work, involving familiarising children with the kinds of questions asked. Later in this curriculum update we have identified some websites that are useful sites to support the children's learning should they wish to do some additional work at home.

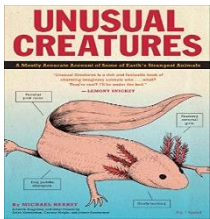
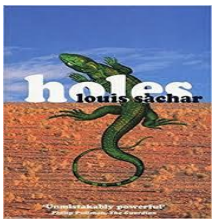
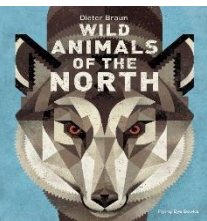
In addition, children will be set additional practice in the areas of 'Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation' and 'Maths' as part of their homework this half term. These tests should take 10 minutes (although sometimes longer), and we ask that your child does this on the day it is set, so that we can work through the answers the following day. These will be going home shortly once the booklets have arrived in school.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading. • TTRockstars / Rollama. • 10-minute Maths Practice Test. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading. • TTRockstars / Rollama. • Maths (for the following Monday). • Spellings (for following Monday). • Spelling Sentences (for the following Monday). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading. • TTRockstars / Rollama. • 10-minute SPAG Practice Test. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading. • TTRockstars / Rollama. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading. • TTRockstars / Rollama. |

Curriculum Updates

Literacy:

We will be studying two learning journeys related to the books 'Unusual Creatures' (not completed from last half term) and 'Holes' (about a camp for young offenders). Both will support children's writing. If time permits, we will look to study a further learning journey entitled 'Wild Animals of the North' which ties in with our new topic.

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|  | <p>OUTCOME: Hybrid Text-type page with a humorous feel. EFFECT: The reader will believe your creature really exists</p> |  | <p>OUTCOME: A Persuasive Argument EFFECT: The reader will be persuaded to petition against Camp Green Lake as a young offender's facility.</p> |
| <p>Purpose: To inform. Audience: Key stage 2. Form: Hybrid-Text.</p> | <p>Purpose: To persuade the reader to agree with your own point of view. Audience: Year 6 children. Form: A persuasive speech.</p> | | |
|  | <p>OUTCOME: Information page on a chosen animal in the style of David Attenborough or A zoo enclosure information board about a chosen animal in the style of the text. EFFECT: The reader will learn all about animals that live in the Northern Hemisphere. Purpose: To inform. Audience: Key stage 2. Form: Non-fiction, non-chronological report.</p> | | |

Maths:

Throughout the term we will be working towards enhancing our students' knowledge and understanding of the following:

- To solve problems involving ratio and proportion.
- To solve equations and use equations to find unknown values.
- To write and evaluate algebraic expressions with two steps.
- To add, subtract, multiply and divide using decimals.
- To know decimal, fraction and percentage equivalence and find the percentage of a whole number.
- To calculate the area, perimeter and volume of a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

In addition, we will be revisiting some aspects of previous learning to ensure things are more secure. Please continue to access Times Tables Rock Stars for extra practice with tables knowledge.

Computing:

This half term we will be continuing our focus on the following:

- Coding.

P.E.:

P.E. for both Year 6 classes will be two hours a week on Tuesday (indoors) and Wednesday (outdoors). Please also ensure children have any necessary inhalers for P.E. and any earrings covered/taken out.

Topic:

This half term, we will be studying a topic called '**Hola Mexico**'. This will involve a focus on the subjects of Geography, History and Art. We will look at the countries that form North and South America and discuss physical differences as well as climate zones and biomes. We will study the country of Mexico in more detail, in particular the physical and human geography of modern Mexico with a focus on rainforests and deforestation within the country. In addition, we will study the history of Mexico with a focus on the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. Finally, our art study within this topic will centre on working with different textiles and fabrics.

RE:

Our key question this half term is: 'Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?' and The Easter Story.

- Do sacred texts have to be 'true' to help people understand their religion?
- Does participating in worship help people to feel closer to God or their faith community?
- Is religion the most important influence and inspiration in everyone's life?

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education):

In our PSHE sessions, we will initially finish our study around 'Staying Healthy'. Our focus this half will be 'Emotional Gym' which is a series of interactive workshops for Year 6 children run over six weeks in the school setting. It focusses on teaching children how to adopt physical and mental health in everyday life for better outcomes. Each workshop combines 30 minutes of classroom topics and 30 minutes of physical exercise. These

Music:

Our music focus this half term is centred on the production of 'Make Do and Mend' with singing sessions led by and coordinated by Mrs Baker.

Useful Websites:

Literacy

Children have logins for this super helpful site in preparation for SATS: <https://www.rollama.com/login/>

Maths

<https://corbettmaths.com/tag/pie/>

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/74099>

<https://nrich.maths.org/>

Finally:

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, do please get in touch. Our contact details are identified below. We look forward to a busy and enjoyable remainder of the Spring Term.

Many thanks,

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