

Year 6 Term 5 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your child have had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday, and are now ready to start term 5 revitalised and ready for some hard work! This is an important term for Year 6 as the SATs exams begin on May 13th. So, every day, make sure your children get a good night's sleep, get plenty of fresh air and exercise and eat well - especially at breakfast time before coming into school!

English	In English this term, we will continue to develop our writing skills across a range of different writing genres. We will complete non-fiction texts based on our topic of 'The Rainforest'. We will study what a rainforest is and how to write a non-chronological report based on research.
Reading comprehension	As well as reading every day , it is also extremely important to practise asking and answering questions about the text (reading eggs is a great resource for this). Reading comprehension forms a prominent part of the curriculum in year six and we will practise the skills of answering inference, author intent and deduction questions every day.
Maths	We will continue to practise and revise a variety of maths topics including statistics, ratio and properties of shape. We will also continue to practise percentages, fractions and decimals and how they can be converted using specific calculations. We will also apply our arithmetic knowledge to different reasoning problems.
Science	In science this term, we will focus on a variety of investigations. We will look at how to make a prediction, set an investigation question, how to outline a methodology, how to record and present results and how to interpret results and suggest possible future investigations. This will help us build our understanding of how scientific investigations are conducted.
PE	In PE, we will play competitive games, modified where appropriate and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending. This term we are lucky enough to have Swindon Town football coaches running football PE lessons for all of our children in year 6.
Music	We will continue to participate in whole school singing assemblies. We will perfect our use of tone and pitch as well as develop harmony and rhythm.
Grammar	We will teach a range of grammatical terms to the pupils and help them apply this knowledge to their writing. You can help your child with this task by reading through the English workbook, this will encourage your child to study the different terms and try the practice questions.
RE	In RE, we are going to look at and learn about values and what matters most to us. We will then apply these ideas and relate them to the study of religion. We will create values books to record our observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.
ICT	In computing lessons, we will learn how to debug a programme that has been written to achieve a specific goal and describe different services provided by the internet and how information moves around the internet. We will also study, on a regular basis, how to stay safe online.

Additional Information

PE

Please note that your child will need to have the correct PE kit in school **every day**.

Their kit should consist of a white t-shirt, dark blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers and daps.



No jewellery is to be worn; hair needs to be tied back and head scarves must be short and tight fitting. These are all to ensure the safety of your child.

READING

Please listen to your child read every night as this will help both their reading and writing abilities or encourage them to use reading eggs for at least an hour a week. Reading comprehension is a big focus so they will need your support to help practice the skills we will teach. **You can help at home by asking your child questions about their book** after they have read such as 'How do you know he is angry?' or 'Why is she happy?'

HOMEWORK

Your child will bring home arithmetic and grammar/ reading comprehension homework every week on a Friday. This homework will reflect the subjects studied during the week. Homework is compulsory, please ensure your child completes the work, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come in and see us at the end of the school day. Homework is due back the following Wednesday.

Many Thanks

Miss Truman, Mr Roberts and Mrs Vernon

The Year Six Team