

Year 6

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Half Term break. This term will see a change in Cornerstones topic as we investigate the polar lands of the Arctic and Antarctic circles. Booster classes for identified children for mathematics, reading and writing will also begin this half term and will run from 3:45-4:45pm. Please refer to your previous Booster note for further information regarding this.



This half term, we'll start by making and observing icebergs. We'll then find out more about them using non-fiction books. We'll learn technical vocabulary so as to be able to discuss the environmental issues facing both of these regions. Using globes and maps, we'll identify the polar regions, comparing the Arctic and Antarctic. We'll also think about how we can protect the polar environments.

When we're more familiar with the polar regions, we'll write exciting stories, poems and diary entries from the perspective of brave explorers. Researching our favourite polar animals will be fun, and we'll create animal artwork inspired by the Inuit people. We'll experiment with digital photography and create amazing effects using paints and dyes.

We'll also investigate the tragic story of the RMS Titanic, and find out about the people on board. We'll download images of polar features and save our information in digital folders.

At the end of the topic, we'll present what we have learned and construct a large-scale model of an igloo!

Home Learning

Home learning in Year 6 will continue to increase to allow for the students to be completely prepared for the KS2 SATs assessments in May 2019 as well as the transition to secondary school.

Home learning includes:

Reading for 30mins each night

Maths: 5-10 Mathletics tasks per week

Spelling: set words to be practised and learnt for dictation assessment per week

English: 1-2 SPAG, writing, reading comprehension activities per week

Maths, Reading and Writing Booster: as required by booster teacher

Home learning will be given out on a Monday and will be monitored for completion the following Monday.

Home learning will be both marked by the teacher and the students as the process of answering some of the KS2-type questions is what will be the focus of the learning. Tasks marked collaboratively will be completed on Monday afternoons the week after the home learning has been handed in.

Maths, English & R.E.

This half term will include the study of the following areas:

Maths: Numbers and place value up to 10 000 000; mental calculations with mixed operations; \times and \div of 4-digit by 2-digit numbers; use of common factors to simplify fractions; simple algebraic formulae; calculation and conversion problems of measurements of up to 3 decimal places; drawing of 2-D shapes with given angles and dimensions; comparison and classification of geometric shapes; calculation of unknown angles; and, properties of circles.

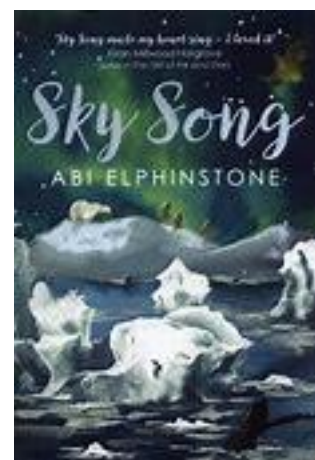
English: Fiction: Short stories – fantasy; significant authors

. Non-fiction: Instructions and explanations (revision); Non-chronological reports. Poetry: Villainous characters

R.E.: How would Christians advertise Christmas?

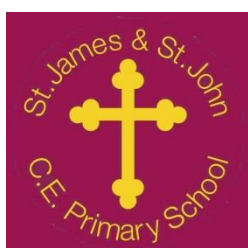
Class Novel

Year 6 will be collectively reading:



Getting in touch

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions by making an appointment through the office.
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