



Year 6

Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term will see the continuation of the third of the Year 6 Cornerstones topics as we begin to explore the role of DNA and genetics in identity. A clear focus on the continued preparation for our Key Stage 2 SATs tests will also be fore in the teaching and learning this half term. Booster classes for mathematics and English will also continue.



During this half term, we're going to find out what makes us the people we are. We'll meet a mysterious man and consider what traits and features give us our identity. Thinking about what makes us unique, we'll write stories in which we have a new identity. We'll learn about branching databases and how to create a classification system. Then, we'll gather data about physical features, make spreadsheets and look for patterns. We'll take part in physical activities that challenge us and measure the outcomes. While comparing photographs of ourselves with those of our relatives, we'll decide if we share any features. After investigating fingerprints and genetic characteristics, we'll explore how genetic characteristics make us unique but also similar. At the end of the project, we'll think about factors that influence our personalities and bring in objects that mean a lot to us.

This study will take place alongside our continued preparation for the KS2 SATs assessments in May.

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 2018 as well as towards the transition in secondary school.

Home learning includes:

- Reading for 30mins each night, reading comprehension tasks
- Maths: 5-10 Mathematics tasks per week and 1-2 reasoning/arithmetic problems
- Spelling: up to 10 words to be practised and learnt for dictation assessment per week
- English: 1-2 SPAG, writing activities per week
- Maths Booster: as required by booster teacher
- English Booster: as required by booster teacher
- Cornerstones Home Learning Task due Monday April 01



Home learning will be given out on a Monday and will be monitored for completion the following Monday. Home reading will be checked each morning. Homework books should be brought every day to allow for Teacher input into home learning.

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

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:

Otto: The Autobiography of a Teddy Bear by Tomi Ungerer.

Autobiographies; Blogs; Reports; Narratives.

Class Novel

Year 6 will be collectively reading:



R.E. & P.E.

R.E.:

How Does the Christian Festival of Easter Offer Hope?

P.E.:

Thursdays: Wear P.E. kit to school
Fridays: Wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM, bring P.E. kit in school bag.

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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