



Year 6



Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to a very busy but we hope exciting, rewarding and enjoyable Autumn term. It is lovely to have the children back in the classroom. The children and staff of Class Six are looking forward to continuing our creative approach to learning, which this half term will be based on the Rainforest. We hope that the information we will provide you about Class Six's routines will be of help. However, in Year Six we try to promote independence and self motivation, so please work with us to encourage your child to be in charge of the items they need to bring into school on a weekly basis. Finally, if you wish to speak to me about your child's progress and development, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Binks

Topics for this term

LITERACY

In the first half of this term we will be working on Newspaper Reports and Non-Chronological Reports. After this module we will be using a range of different media from which to further our writing skills. This will include, novels, short extracts and poems. We will use these to compose and write for different audiences in a variety of styles. Some of the work we will be completing include: letters, diary entries, poetry and extending short stories.

MATHS

This term in Maths we will be covering numbers and the number system, calculations, handling data, solving problems, shape, space and measures.

SCIENCE

This term our topic is Living Things - Animals. Through this unit we will be looking into the work of Aristotle and Darwin. We will be investigating how animals adapt to their environment, food webs and how to group animals using classification keys.

HISTORY

This term our history focus will be based on The History of Medicine. We are starting our research with an immersion afternoon; investigating the plague, its symptoms and the bizarre remedies people believed would cure them.

GEOGRAPHY

We are looking into natural disasters during the Autumn term, our first focus being wild fires followed by flooding and tsunamis amongst other forces that threaten our world.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Art, Design Technology and ICT will all be covered within our new exciting class topic of Rumble in the Rainforest. Children have already begun learning about the animals and their environment, along with which layer of the Rainforest they might live. We look forward to exploring the subject further during the Autumn term.

PE

In PE this term, we will be developing a range of skills.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

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| Tue 29th Sep | Photographer in school |
| 24th Oct to 1st Nov | Last day of Autumn 1 |
| Mon 2nd Nov | First day of Autumn 2 |
| Fri 20th Dec | SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS |

Class Targets

Writing - Each child has their own group writing target, please ask your child about this.

Numeracy - The focus is multiplication tables.

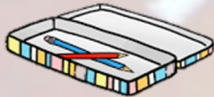
Reading- I can read with great expression, showing an awareness of the listener and using pauses, emphasis and paces. I can explain my understanding of words in context.



Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding your child's targets.

P.E.

Can your child please make sure that on a Wednesday they come to school in a P.E. Kit which is suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities. A warm jumper or a jacket will be needed as we will be using the outdoor area as much as possible.



Pencil Cases:

In upper Key Stage 2 pupils will not need a pencil case within school. All equipment needed is provided for them.



Earring Policy

We are concerned about the number of children who are wearing earrings to school. Can we please remind parents that it is our school policy that children must not wear earrings or jewellery whilst in school. We request this for health and safety reasons to avoid possible injury to your child and other school children. If your child has had their ears pierced recently and is not yet able to remove them, they must be covered with a plaster or tape, can we please ask that this is done at home. Once the recommended healing period has ended the earrings should then be taken out for school. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter and if you have any queries please contact me.

Drinking Water in School

As you know current research has shown that children perform better in school if they drink between 6-8 glasses of water a day. For this reason we encourage children to bring their **OWN WATER BOTTLE** in to school, which they may drink in class. Plain water is best however, we understand that some children will not drink plain water so we are happy for them to bring weak juice. We must ask that children do not bring fizzy water or energy drinks.



Reading:

We ask that Key Stage 2 children read at least five times a week for at least 15 minutes each time. They will be provided with a reading book and have the opportunity to change the book every Friday. Children may read independently. You can help your child by asking questions about what they have read; this will help ensure that the children develop a good understanding.



Homework:

The children will receive weekly spellings which will be given out on a Friday and tested on the Friday of the following week. In addition, weekly Maths/ English homework (linked to work completed in the classroom) will be given out on a Friday and handed in on the Friday of the following week.