

Dear Parents

YEAR 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN TERM

Welcome back to a great new year ahead in Year 6; the final year in Primary school for your children. It will be their busiest year yet, but we aim to give them lots of fun along the way!

As you know, we encourage the children to become increasingly independent by bringing themselves to school and organising their own belongings and equipment. It is important that your child has the correct PE Kit in school. Please bring in PE kits on Mondays, ready for the week and this Autumn Term, the children will have swimming lessons on Monday afternoons. Again, please ensure your child brings their kit in on a Monday. Swimming hats can be purchased from the office, should you need one.

Please can we ask that each child brings a named water bottle into school each day. We politely request that it is water only that the children drink in lessons.

We have an exciting term ahead and on Tuesday 22nd October we will be visiting Bletchley Park. A letter containing further details will be sent to you shortly. This trip has always proved beneficial to our Year 6 in the past as it is where they explore how coding enabled the British to advance in World War II. The trip will mark our end of our study of World War I and launch curiosity for our History topic around World War II after Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Cornwall Meeting on Monday 30th September at 6pm in the school hall. We encourage your child to come with you to find out about the exciting trip and other key information.

You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's new teachers at the parents' evenings but if any issues arise in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange an appointment.

Subject Overviews

English We will be using the books 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and 'Letters to the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll to inspire our creative writing. We will be developing the children's comprehension skills, interpreting characters and drawing inferences, using the text as evidence. Alongside this, we will be building upon the children's knowledge of grammar, introducing new concepts and embedding them into their writing.

After half term, our English work will link with our History topic about World War 1 and II, focusing upon some WW1 poetry as well as writing a suspense narrative based upon the biographies and recounts of the SOEs of WWII. The children will continue to have daily lessons in Spelling and grammar.

Mathematics The main focus of our early work this term will be around revising and consolidating place value knowledge. We will be moving on to mental and written addition developing calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We encourage the children to be resilient and persevere in their attitude towards Maths work, being able to use and apply the skills they have.

It is essential now that all children have mastered times tables to x12 with rapid recall, as knowledge of these greatly increases overall confidence in lessons and increases their work rate. We would like the children to continue to go onto TT Rockstars and we will be setting regular competitions too!

Science We are beginning the term studying 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be classifying living things into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and recognising that animals and plants have changed and adapted over time. For the second half of the term, we will move on to learning more about the human body and the circulatory system: our topic is titled 'Animals including Humans'.

Computing This term, the children will be looking at computer systems and how devices (and by extension, we) communicate using the latest technology. The classes will use and experiment with these devices to produce a collaborative piece of work.

Humanities In History, we will be studying World War I, building towards an understanding as to whether World War II

was inevitable or not. Our Geography unit after half term will focus on Mountains. We will also be studying Sikhism in Britain in RE. All of these topics will heavily influence our work in English lessons.

Health & Well-being Children will have weekly lessons involving lots of discussion and collaboration. This term the topic is Me and My Relationships. We will be focusing on working together, negotiation, assertiveness skills, acting appropriately and learning to solve friendship issues. In addition, we will be learning about the Zones of Regulation which will help us to describe and understand different emotions as well as giving us tools to manage our own emotions.

PE Our PE sessions is on Wednesday afternoon. Whilst it is dry enough we will continue to use the field for sports before moving our sessions indoors. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to be involved in extra- curricular sport, so please ensure that the children's kit is always in school each week (white t-shirt with black or navy shorts and trainers).

Art In Art lessons, the children will be developing their painting skills, focusing upon the impressionists for inspiration to paint a landscape. After half term, the children will be developing their drawing and shading skills, focusing upon line and tone to create sketches of natural forms in pencil.

Performing Arts/Music We will start the term learning our songs for the Harvest Festival, then explore some dramatic techniques and stage craft before turning our attention to the Christmas production in November.

French In French this term, we will be learning parts of the body as well as being able to describe and compare these features. We will also be learning the French names for some foods and giving our opinion. The lessons will then develop by the children being able to give someone else's opinions.

Key Dates

Please refer to the website via the following link: <https://www.nicholashawksmooracademy.com/events/>

Homework

Daily Reading: Please encourage your child to read as much as possible either independently or with an adult, for a minimum of 30 minutes daily. Reading fluently 'age appropriate' texts will ensure that they are ready for future learning.

Mathletics; Children will need to complete a minimum of 30 minutes each week. It is important the children complete their 'to do' list first before selecting areas of mathematics that they feel they need to work on. This encourages them to be reflective on concepts they may find tricky or concepts they wish to find out more about.

Times Table Rockstars: It is important the children complete regular practice of their times tables throughout the week. Every Monday, we will be completing a Times Table test in which we hope to see their scores improve.

Across the school, we are working to develop children's character and understanding of responsibility. As a result, each year group have created three pledges to achieve by the end of the year with the children.

Class Pledges

This year, we have chosen:

- To increase the natural wildlife around school by building Bug Hotels
- To create Christmas cards and gifts for a local care-home.
- To learn about prominent figures during Black History month.

We look forward to working together to make this term a success.

Please email our school office to discuss any concerns you may have or to clarify anything you are uncertain of. We will endeavour to get back to you swiftly. We do not use Class Dojo for messaging.

The children have made a fantastic start to the year already and we are excited for all the things we have planned.

With best wishes

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