



YEAR SIX- AUTUMN 2 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Here are some of the exciting things we have planned for this half term.

English

Writing - We will start by looking at the humorous Roald Dahl book, 'The Twits'. The children will get to explore their mischievous side and create some of their own pranks to play on Mr and Mrs Twit. This will be written as an additional chapter for the story.

Closer to Christmas, the next pieces of writing will take inspiration from Narnia. The children will produce a setting description for Cair Paravel as well as produce a Winter Warrior poem.

SPAG-Children will continue to have weekly SPAG lessons, in which they will learn key skills to enhance their writing. Alongside this, children will also have a discrete spelling lesson, learning important spelling rules and patterns which they will be required to learn at home in preparation for the weekly spelling tests.

Guided Reading- You will be aware that your child has been engaging with Accelerated Reader; they will continue to select texts from the school library and will complete online comprehension quizzes before they change their books.

The children will also have an additional weekly guided reading session where they will be exposed to a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction text types.

Maths

In Maths lessons we will continue to develop a range of mathematical skills. This term children will be taught to:

- use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination
- compare and order fractions, including fractions >1
- add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions
- multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form [for example, $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$]
- divide proper fractions by whole numbers [for example, $\frac{1}{3} \div 2 = \frac{1}{6}$]
- identify the value of each digit in numbers given to 3 decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 giving answers up to 3 decimal places

Our aim is to not only develop competent mathematics skills but to practice applying these skills in a range of different contexts.

Science

In Science, children will be extending their pre-existing knowledge on Animals, including humans. Children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, recognise the impact of diet, drugs and



lifestyle on the way their bodies function and describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Geography

In Geography, children will be learning all about mountains and rivers. This will include learning about the main events of the water cycle, identifying features of rivers and mountains and locating different rivers and mountains around the world.

Art

In Art lessons, the children will be looking at different artistic techniques in order to create some of their very own landscape paintings using a range of water colours.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be learning all about the nature and consequences of discrimination, teasing, bullying and aggressive behaviours (including cyber-bullying, use of prejudice-base language, how to respond & ask for help).

Computing

In Computing, children will be following the 'We are programmers' scheme of work, whereby they will be continuing to develop their understanding and build their confidence further using the 'Scratch' computing program.

Music

Children will take part in a weekly music lessons with Mrs Bradley.

Homework

English (this will consist of weekly spellings, a SPAG/reading comprehension task) and a Maths task. Homework will be set on a **Thursday** and should be returned to school the following **Thursday**.

Ways in which you can help at home

- Read with your child regularly and encourage them to take reading quizzes.
- Encourage your child to bring their reading book to school every day.
- Support your child with their homework and spellings each week.
- Encourage Times Table Rockstars.

Reminders

- We encourage children to bring a bottle of water and a healthy snack of fruit, vegetables or yoghurt to school. Snacks can be consumed during break times.
- Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school every Wednesday (i.e. black/blue/grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a white/blue polo shirt with pumps/trainers. No football kits or football boots). Pupils are expected to remove their own studs for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do this, please ensure that all jewellery is removed before the school day begins.
- Please follow the new drop off/pick up procedures this school year.

Daily Reminders	
Monday	Bring reading books and water bottles.
Tuesday	Bring reading books and water bottles.
Wednesday	P.E kits needed today.
Thursday	Homework due in. Weekly spelling test. Homework given out.
Friday	Bring reading books and water bottles.