

Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome back!

Welcome back, we hope you have had a nice half term break. This term we have lots of exciting learning to complete. Our main topic for the term is polar explorations. In a slight change from last term, our homework will be handed out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. As a reminder, children can change their reading book on any day. Reading records will be collected in each Friday and Dojo points will be given out for the number of times children have read to an adult.

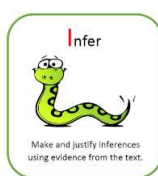
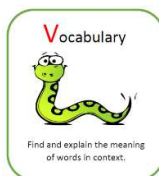
Spelling and Reading



This term we will continue to test spelling on a Friday. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval.

Recommended reads:

Our class book this term is Spirit of the Titanic by Nicola Pierce. She has written some other fabulous book such as: Chasing Ghosts, Behind the Walls: A City Besieged and City of Fate.



Writing



We will be writing a mixture of fiction and non-fiction pieces based on our class novel: 'The Sirit of the Titanic'.

Maths



In maths this term we will build on our we will continue building our understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). We will also cover fractions.

Science



Our science topic is 'The Nature Library'. In this topic students will build on their knowledge of living things from previous years and deepen their understanding of why and how organisms are classified. They will explore the process of classification in some detail and how it differs from, but relates to, the identification of living things.

Computing

In computing our learners will develop their understanding of how spreadsheets are used in information technology. Students will explore probability and budgeting through spreadsheets.

Geography/History



This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them.

MFL

During this half term the children will learn the nouns for rooms in a house and the nouns for furniture in the style of artist Piet Mondrian. The children will prepare descriptive sentences to sell a house and write their own spooky story after following a story about a haunted house. The children will have the opportunity to see and pronounce the names of some authentic French castles, explore new nouns associated with castles and play a game of 'Escape from the castle'. As a festive lesson, the children will explore where is the Elf on the Shelf (or the Christmas Elf) and prepositions.

Music

Each week in music we listen to and appraise a different song. This term we will be learning to perform 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. We will also be learning to read music and play the glockenspiel to accompany our final performance.



PE

The focus for PE this term is gymnastics and fitness.

Homework Project



Weekly homework will be set each Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. If children are unsure about any part of their homework, they should ask an adult on either Friday or Monday so we can help them.

Remember too to hand in your holiday homework project. We are looking forward to creating a fabulous display in the classroom with these.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Egan

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Eden, Mrs Blackwood and Miss Russell

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Monday 31st October – Training day for teachers

Tuesday 1st November – school reopens for pupils

11th November – School Council Remembrance Assembly

Tuesday 14th November – Odd Socks Day

18th November – Children in Need Mufti Day

Tuesday 6th December – Christmas Carol Concert KS2 (pm)

Thursday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day (National Save the Children Day)

Thursday 15th December Christmas Class Parties

Friday 16th December – school closes for Christmas

