

Year Six – Summer Term 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a restful Easter. This handout provides an overview of what we will be covering this term, key dates and expectations with regards to homework. We hope that you find it useful but please feel free to catch one of us in the playground or contact the office to arrange an appointment if you have any concerns or questions.

Reading

Your child will continue to be read with in guided reading sessions. During these lessons they read aloud, answer questions relating to the text and discuss the text as a group. We will be reading Grimm Tales for young and old by Philip Pullman in these sessions and developing our understanding of traditional tales.

Your child should continue to use their reading record to document the books they are reading at home and complete reading comprehension questions. It is vital that children read for at least 15 minutes at home every day. Reading records should be brought to school daily and they will be checked on Monday and Wednesday.

Writing

This term we will be using Grimm Tales for young and old by Philip Pullman as a stimulus for our writing. Through these lessons children will be guided to examine a range of Grimm Tales and to look closely at the characteristics. Through lessons, they will analyse the language, characterisation and common story structure across many of the tales. They will make comparisons between many versions of the same story and analyse the extent to which these stories can be classified as 'fairy tales' Eventually they will work towards creating their own Grimm tale, planning for a balance of dialogue and narrative and using devices to advance the action quickly.

Maths

The expectations for Year 6 in relation to maths can be found in the maths handbook, which is on the school website. We will continue to have maths lessons every day focusing on both arithmetic and mathematical reasoning.

Religious Education

In RE lessons we will start the term by searching for answers to the question, what does it mean to be a Jew? We will apply and build on our understanding of Judaism and Christianity within this topic. We will then move on to look at Rules and Responsibilities – who decides. This topic will provide children with the opportunity to learn more about Islam.

Science

This term, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will build on prior learning and knowledge through understanding different systems within the body. We will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system, focusing on how nutrients are transported around the human body. We will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be thinking about relationships and how to build and develop healthy connections.

Computing

We will continue to study computer programming through code.org. We will continue to work through course F. We will also cover esafety.

Topical Talk

This term our project is Refugees and Responsibility. Millions of people are escaping the conflict in Ukraine, but while this story is new, refugee crises are not. We will be exploring the questions, why are so many people being forced out of their homes? What should be done to support them? And whose responsibility is it to help?

PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Children should wear their PE kits to school on these days and they will stay in them all day. This term we will be developing our PE skills through cricket.

Theme

This term our topic will be based on Bermondsey and the contribution that our community has made and continues to make. Through this we will also look at local artist, Anish Kapoor and develop our DT skills through learning more about statues and sculptures.

Music

Children will continue to have violin lessons each week on a Tuesday afternoon.

Services

We are delighted that we can welcome you back to worship with us on a Friday. We have really missed having parents join us in this special time. You are welcome every Friday (check the worship page on the website for dates) but it would be particularly wonderful to see you when Year 6 are leading service.

We will continue with our theme of family, learning more about the characteristics and qualities of those in God's family. We will be learning about Christians throughout history and those today who serve God.

Year 6 will be leading service on:

Friday 6th May at 10am

Friday 1st July at 10am

Homework

Daily

As previously mentioned, your child is expected to read for a minimum of 15 minutes every night and to complete a reading comprehension question in their reading record. We will continue to set retrieval maths through the 5 questions set daily. This should be completed at home and books brought to school each day.

Weekly

Weekly homework will be set on Wednesday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.

We will continue to set spelling homework on Google Classroom. This should be completed in the homework book that your child has received and uploaded by Wednesday morning. Feedback on homework will be given in class or on an individual basis depending on need. SPaG should be practised through the spelling sentences.

Children will continue to be set one reading comprehension task from a reading comprehension book. This should be brought to school by Wednesday morning as we will mark this work together and feedback will be given.

Please do ensure your child brings to school the relevant workbooks and has uploaded their spelling homework by Wednesday morning. If homework is not handed in, children will have to complete it during lunch time.

Whilst your children are growing in independence, please do continue to support them in ensuring they have their belongings needed for each school day. It is also vital that they attend school on time as lateness is disruptive for everyone. It is particularly important in Year 6 that children are supported with these things as it will help prepare them for secondary school.

SATs

The KS2 Standard Assessment Tests will take place during the week of the 9th May. As you know, your child will sit tests in maths, reading and SPaG. Writing will be assessed until 24th June. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be preparing the children for these assessments and supporting their wellbeing during this time.

Key Dates for Year 6:

Monday 9th to Friday 13th May - SATs

Monday 16th to Friday 20th May - School Journey

Wednesday 8th June – Educational visit to the East London Mosque

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July – Year 6 Play (times TBC)

Monday 18th July – Trip to Chessington

Wednesday 20th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (2pm)

Please check the school website for school wide key dates.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Year Six Team