

English

The children will be continuing to develop their speaking, listening and inference skills through guided reading activities. We will also be reading the class books 'The Watertower' and 'Sensational' throughout this term.

We will be planning, writing and editing narratives and the children will be encouraged to include descriptive techniques and appropriate, adventurous vocabulary in their work.

They will also continue to write a variety of other text types including reports and poems and learn about different grammatical terms, a range of higher level punctuation marks and different spelling rules and strategies.

The children will also have the opportunity to write about topics which interest them and current news.

Important Dates

Wednesday 31st January – Maths Parent Workshop

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February – Open evening 3.30-5pm

Friday 16th February – School Closes for Half Term

Monday 26th February – INSET – School Closed

Tuesday 27th February – School Opens

Wednesday 28th February – 6M @ Greenhead College for science lesson 1.30-2.30

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day (dress up)

Wednesday 7th March – 6C @ Greenhead College for science lesson 1.30-2.30

Week Beginning 12th March – Practise SATS week

Wednesday 14th March – 6D @ Greenhead College for science lesson 1.30-2.30

Friday 23rd March – Sports Relief

Tuesday 27th March – Parents Evening 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 28th March – Parents Evening 5-6.30pm

Thursday 29th March – School Closes for Easter

P.E.

This half term, indoor PE on Wednesdays will be Gymnastics. In outdoor PE, we will learn and practise the skills needed for a competitive game of Netball.

In Spring 2 we will be learning the skills and rules of Danish Longball as outdoor PE and developing our Badminton skills in indoor PE.

All three year 6 classes have indoor PE on Wednesday. 6M & 6C have outdoor PE on Tuesdays and 6D on Fridays.

Science

Our first Science topic is Electricity. We will be learning how to assemble circuits using different elements. We will also experiment what happens when elements in circuits are changed. At the end of the unit, we will use what we have learnt to make games and activities which need a circuit to work. Our second Science topic is Evolution. We will be learning about fossils and extinction, offspring and the importance of Mary Anning's work. We will also look at the scientific work of Darwin, Wallace and Mendel and the theory that humans evolved from apes.

Computing

The children will focus on using iPads to create presentations with the app 'keynote'. They will learn how to create an informative and attractive presentation and use the skills to create a fact-file about the USA.



How you can help!

- Please listen to your child read and record a comment on their reading card. This will be sent home every Wednesday.
- Please help your child complete their Learning Log and learn their weekly times tables each week.
- Please encourage your child to learn the words from the Statutory Spelling list for Spring 1 and 2. These were sent out in the 'welcome to year 6' booklet which is available on school website.
- Visit <https://ec1.educationcity.com/> for a wealth of 'at-home' learning, including games, printable resources and tests.
- Please use the log-in details that have been sent home previously.

Maths

The units we will be covering this term include:

Calculation strategies
Mental calculation
Multiples & Factors
Calculating averages
Plotting co-ordinates
Statistics
Ratio & Proportion

The children will also be applying the skills they learn to one and two step worded problems and problem solving activities. Puzzles and challenges will be regularly set to stretch mathematical thinking.

Art/D.T./Music

In our DT sessions, we will be designing and making controllable vehicles. Later in the term we will be completing a food technology project. The children will be making cookies with Mrs Williams in the food technology room.

In our Music sessions we will be learning about 'Blues' music linked to our USA theme. We will also be composing our own blues inspired chord sequences. Later in the term we will be looking at the musical 'Hairspray' and will also study Motown style music.

History/Geography

Our Geography topic this term is The USA. We will be finding out about:

- Where the USA is located
- Climate
- Landscape
- Different USA states
- Tourism and attractions
- American sports
- American presidents.

Our History topic this term is 'Slavery'. We will be finding out about:

- Why slavery existed
- The link between slavery and discrimination
- Nelson Mandela
- John Hawkins
- Olaudah Equiano's journey
- The famous people who fought against slavery
- Multi-cultural societies