

Y6 Information for Parents

Spring 1 Term 2019

General Information

Class 6C – Miss Cox

Class 6T – Mr Tomes

Welcome back for the start of a new term. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. The new term will see lots of hard work and exciting topics in Year 6. This term will continue to develop the children's confidence and skills through our creative curriculum linked to the topic of 'Evolution'. We will also begin to get them familiar and confident with test-style questions to ensure they can apply all of their knowledge. This will be achieved through including test questions as part of our lessons and further encouraged through our continuation of regular practise tests and streamlined curriculum. We hope you, as parents, will enjoy being involved in this year too and will work together with us to make it a success.

Your child will receive regular homework in the form of a mental maths questions from a revision guide, as well as weekly spellings and reading for pleasure to be continued at home. Homework will be set on a Friday and collected in the following Wednesday in homework journals. Spellings are tested on Wednesday too and are in the form of 5 words linked to our spelling taught during lessons. This term we will also be encouraging the use of the C.G.P Key Stage 2 Maths Question Book as a revision guide and homework tool to build confidence for the S.A.T.s. A separate letter and order form will be sent home with more information about this.

Miss Cox and Mr Tomes are keen to work in a partnership with you. We are very happy for you to support homework, although if you really feel that your child has found it hard, we would be grateful if you could let us know. Please feel free to make after school appointments if you wish to discuss any problems or queries you may have.

Creative curriculum at Fairfields

Every class is enjoying a creative approach to learning where the majority of topics are taught through a key theme. This term Year 6 are linking all learning around the theme of **Evolution**. They will be exploring the links between fossils, inheritance and ancestry, as well as how all of these topics contribute to our understanding of the world now. Your child will explore the technique of printing in art and continue with dance in P.E. The English side of the curriculum will focus upon the book 'The Island at the End of Everything' by K.M. Hargrave as this has a strong focus on the effects of leprosy and relationships; linking fittingly with the topic of Evolution. All of these topics have the aim of making the curriculum as engaging as possible. The mind map below will give you even more detail as to what learning is planned this term.



Some learning however will be separate from our evolution topic such as:

Mathematics

During our mathematics sessions, the children will work on mental and oral strategies for calculations. They will be looking at fractions and decimal equivalents and use this understanding, along with the four rules of number, to solve real life problems. The curriculum has an emphasis on mastery so children need to be able to apply their knowledge. We will also work on formal written methods of arithmetic and properties of 2D shapes. For maths homework, the children will be playing maths games, or tackling SATs style questions. If you find that you need to help your child with a particular concept, it would be great if you could remind them of this on another occasion, maybe with a spot quiz on the way to school!



Religious Education

Our faith and belief projects for the Spring Term are 'Sacred texts' – the Bible and the Quran and 'Resurrection'. Both of these themes will encourage the children to think of their own response to these ideas and apply and challenge their own views.

Physical Education

Dance will be on Thursdays and if your child has a physical enrichment activity this will be on Wednesday, although we do request that kit is in school every day.

PSHE

Personal, social and health education will be taught through our Jigsaw programme of study which uses a mindful approach to allow pupils to relax and really reflect on their thoughts, feelings and beliefs. This term learning will focus on the theme 'Dreams and Goals' which aims to get the children to think of their strengths and set achievable and aspirational goals for their future.

Useful websites

Please contact us if you have any queries about the curriculum. If you would like additional activities for the children to undertake at home, we have a number of subscriptions that your children can access.

www.numbergym.co.uk

We have subscribed to BondBuilder and TableTrainer which will provide mental arithmetic opportunities at home.

www.planetsherston.com

This provides an opportunity to earn 'space bits' through completing curricular challenges.

www.mathletics.co.uk

Curricular mathematics activities are available on this site, as well as the opportunity to compete against other children from across the world in live arithmetic speed tests. Each child has their own login to access site.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

This is the Abacus scheme that we use in school, where the children already have their own user area.

<https://ttrockstars.com>

Times Table practise for your children. Each child has their own login to access site.

www.spag.com

We have a subscription where children have their own login to the site and can access a variety of tests and activities set by the class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss B. Cox

Mr J. Tomes