



## Year 6 Spring 2019 Curriculum Newsletter

### From the Year 6 Teachers

Dear Parents and carers,

In this *Curriculum Newsletter* you can find out what your children will be learning this term, between now and the Easter break.

We are sure that you enjoyed the children's drumming concert with seasonal songs before the end of the autumn term. Apart from this activity, the children really enjoyed making pizzas in Design and Technology and they benefitted from a visit to a local high school to watch a pantomime. We trust you have all had a good rest and are looking forward to the exciting activities your child will be involved in this term.

We are encouraging the children to show how they apply our school values and we are delighted that so many children have received awards for being values champions. We constantly promote all of the school's values, but we have found recently that some children need to be more tolerant of different viewpoints and beliefs. Therefore, we intend to book workshops to promote appreciation of our school's rich cultural and social diversity. As a parent/carer, if you have any experience in this area and would like to share aspects of your cultural heritage or experience. We would like to work with you to help us incorporate this into the weekly values lessons.

Next week we have **Mock SATs**. We would like to share with you the progress that your child is making at a **parents' evening on 22 January 2019**.

If you would like further information about your child's curriculum and learning for this term then please get in touch with us and we will be glad to help.

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### Core Subjects

#### English and Literacy

##### Reading

In this subject, the children will continue to read accurately, fluently and with understanding a range of texts. They will also continue to develop their reading skills – retrieval, inference, deduction, justification, explanation and summarising. It is essential that your child continues to read at home and sample a range of texts. In school we will be reading the book *Cogheart* by Pete Bunzl.

**Remember:** Thursday 7th March - **World book day** (dress as a book character)

##### Writing

We will be linking our writing skills across the curriculum and writing for a variety of purposes. In order to achieve greater depth children will continue to be encouraged to join handwriting, write neatly and use punctuation correctly in a range of complex sentences.

##### Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

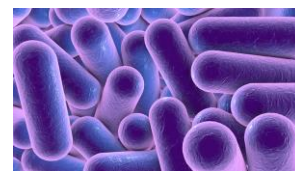
Spelling City website and regular spelling homework will ensure your child is practising their given spellings and please help them practise.

#### Maths and Numeracy

We will continue with our booster groups and interventions to support the development of skills in all topics. In addition, regular practice of times-tables is essential to improve fluency and speed of recall. New topics this term will be: perimeter, ratio, algebra and properties of shapes. This will be enhanced by a bridge building workshop.

## Science

We will study microorganisms and the inspirational work of scientists in this field to further medicinal advances.



## Foundation Subjects

### Topic (History and Geography)

We will study inspirational inventions by the Mayan people of South and Central America and we will reflect on their continued influence in today's society.

### Art and Design Technology

We will study the construction of bridges and inventions that have inspired the development of design.



### Computing

We will use Microsoft Excel to support our PSHE topic of 'Make £5 Grow' this will help us manage finances. In addition, we will study programming.

### French

We will study the topic 'My Town' and extend our knowledge of verb agreement and vocabulary.

### Music

We will continue with drumming and composition. We hope to make some cultural links with our history and geography topic which is based in South American culture.

### Physical Education and Sport

We will be learning about dance and hockey.

### Religious Education

We have been learning about inspirational religious figures and reflecting on the work of charities as part of RE week.

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Make £5 Grow is an enterprise topic which will culminate in the children selling items for a profit. More information will be given in February.



## Homework

- Reading 15 minutes 4 times a week
- Maths homework - due on Friday,
- Spelling and Grammar - due on Tuesday

Useful websites:

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) (hit the button)

[www.spellingcity.co.uk](http://www.spellingcity.co.uk)

