

## English

This term we will again be looking at a range of different writing genres. We will link our writing to our topics throughout the term. In reading, children will be given the chance to study a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction texts.

There will be an emphasis on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling this term. New grammatical features and revision of previous learning will take part in these sessions. Spellings will become more of a focus with us looking at different patterns.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

## PE

PE will take place each week on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has a **named** PE kit in school for the above sessions, trainers and warm clothing are needed for outdoor PE.



## Computing

A range of ICT, such as iPads and Chromebooks, will be used throughout the curriculum to enhance our learning. In computing lessons, children will begin to look at the processes of programming as well as using our multimedia skills. We will also have a heavy focus on E-Safety with children learning how to use the internet safely and responsibly.

## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2022



### Happy New Year!

We hope that you have enjoyed your festive break. The children have come back ready and raring to go with their learning which is brilliant.

We had an exceptionally busy Autumn Term where Year 6 continued to show us what superstars they are. To keep completely up to date with our learning you can follow our Year 6 Twitter page: @MissS\_HCPS.

A lot of this term will be preparing your child for the SATS tests they will sit in May. There will be a strong focus on English and maths.

As always if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith and Mrs Atkins

### Reading Books

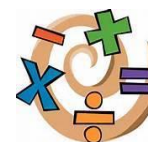


Daily reading continues to be of importance, especially reading to an adult at home and spending time discussing the text they have read. Within class guided reading sessions, we will be completing past reading papers, becoming more familiar with the types of questions we will be asked and the answers that are required.

## Maths

Maths this term will be primarily focusing on developing reasoning and problem solving skills in preparation for the statutory assessments in May. There will be a large focus on multi-step problem solving where your child will be required to apply their mathematical knowledge in a range of different ways. We will also be completing weekly arithmetic tests to maximise their confidence and ensure they are familiar with the layout.

Times tables continue to be extremely important in many aspects of our maths curriculum. While we carry on teaching these skills, please spend as much time as possible helping your child to be as confident as they can in this area.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach maths and much more!

## Religious Education

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year the children will learn about both Christianity and Hinduism in their RE lessons, which will be taught by Mrs Walker.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.

## Safety and PSHCE/HeartSmart

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on the 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The purpose of the day is to promote the positive use of digital technology for children, and to generate conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Our HeartSmart theme for the beginning of this half term is 'Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy'. Within this theme, children will continue to build their character, emotional health and resilience. Children will be encouraged to adopt a growth mindset whilst maintaining a healthy emotional epicentre. All of these qualities are essential for Year 6 children when it comes to facing their statutory assessments in May and their transition to secondary school. We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.

## Learning Challenge

Our Learning Challenge for the Spring term is: *"Why is the rainforest important to us all?"* We will start by completing a KWL Grid, which for each child shows (what I know/what I want to learn/what I have learnt). We will return to the KWL Grid at the end of the topic and complete the third column (what I have learnt) to show clearly what the children have learnt during the topic.

As part of our geography Learning Challenge, we will locate rainforests and learn about their layers. We will be focusing on the Amazon Rainforest and looking at the climate, plants, animals and people as well as the adaptations that are required to live there.

In Science, our topic will be 'Animals including humans'. In this topic, we will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. The children will be able to recognise the impact of diet, exercise and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

If you have anything related to our topic that you would like to share, we would love to see it!



## Homework

A large part of Year 6 is preparing the children ready for their transition to secondary school. As part of this, there will be an increase in homework this year. Children will be given a spellings list to learn, a piece of GPS work or a maths task, along with the expectation of them learning/improving the speed of their recall of all times tables. Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be **returned by the following Wednesday** in order to allow time for us to mark and give feedback on this work. Most of the work will need to be completed within their own CGP books. It is essential that these books are brought to and from school. There will be no replacements available. Every child is expected to complete all pieces of work they are set.

## Art/DT

Our Art and D&T sessions will link with our Learning Challenges this term. We will be developing our art skills using a range of media and techniques. The children will be creating their own rainforest painting in the style of Henri Rousseau.

In D&T, children will design, make and evaluate their own Fairtrade snack. This will be completed during Fairtrade Fortnight from Monday 28th February.



## Story Time

We always read a class story, and other short stories, throughout the year. This term we will be reading the novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell - a brilliant adventure story linked with our Rainforest topic!

