

Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 7th October 2022

Values: Responsibility and Resilience

It has been a very busy and productive start to the year and I am pleased to say that the children have all settled into the work with great determination and enthusiasm. I have included a selection of pictures below and I will be adding more to the Class page on the school website in the new few days.

"A World of Bright Ideas" & Enterprise

We are already part way through the first of our Dimensions themes for the year and have spent the last few weeks focusing on important inventions over time. I was delighted with the homework that the children completed on inventions of their choice and these pieces have been collated to create an inventions timeline on the wall, a picture of which can be seen below. In the next few weeks, we will be looking at the role of patenting and copyright and I am looking forward to reading about the different black inventors that the children have been researching this last week.

Throughout the year, the children will have the opportunity to put their own design and creative skills to the test as they become "young entrepreneurs" as part of our annual Year 6 Enterprise project. The class have already been divided into four Enterprise groups and they have started to think of ideas for their business. As well as learning what makes a successful business, the children will also have the opportunity to find out how some local businesses have adapted to the challenges of the past two years, either through visits to companies, visitors to school or through the use of technology such as Zoom and Teams. More information about this exciting project will follow in the next few weeks.

Science – All things Electric

As part of our theme, we have been exploring the history of electrical inventions. The children have shown that they know how to build a simple circuit and can plan and conduct experiments into changes within circuits. They certainly impressed Mrs Kerr, during our workshop at Fairfield on Tuesday, with the way they approached the challenges that she set them.



Mathematics

The class have spent the first few weeks developing their understanding of place value within numbers up to ten million. We have now moved on to focussing on multiplication and division and I would ask that you encourage your child to learn their times tables, if they do not already know them, as this will be key to them making good progress this year.

Forest School

Our visits to Forest School have got off to a super start with the children already having shown a great aptitude for classifying the different varieties of trees on the site using a dichotomous key. During the next few weeks, they will start to explore the different insects in the area and will again use classification keys to identify these.

In addition, the class have been taking the opportunity to develop their mapping and orienteering skills and they should be able to explain many of the key symbols found on Ordnance Survey Maps.



Homework & 40 reads

The children have completed some excellent homework so far, I would like to ask though that they make sure that they are also learning their spelling assignments weekly and completing their reading diary as requested.

I have spoken to the class about regularly using Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars but, of course, if they prefer to learn their spellings and tables in more traditional ways then that's fine too.

If your child is unable to complete their homework for any reason, could you please email the office before the Friday morning that week so that I can arrange to help them or to give them time to complete it in school.

Dates for the diary

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Nov - Bikeability sessions

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events/314bfe69-cc0f-47a1-ae0b-7d7bc78d51e1/>

Thurs 21st – Curriculum visit to Envirosort in Worcester (more details to follow shortly)



As I mentioned previously, the children have all started the year with a really positive attitude and I know that we are going to have a very good year together. If you do have any concerns though or if your child expresses any concerns, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can try to alleviate them.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing many of you at the scheduled parents' evenings in the last week of the half-term and thank you again to those children (and parents) who gave up their time last weekend, to take part in the Peace Service at Madley Church.

From Mrs Lacey, Mr Batstone and the Year 6 Team.