

Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 22nd October 2021

Values: Caring & Appreciation

"A World of Bright Ideas"

As we draw to the close on our first theme of the year, the children can be very proud of all the work that they have done over the last six weeks. They have shown that they are capable of completing interesting and detailed writing through the variety of work undertaken in class. This has included diary entries as one of the Wright Brothers following their first successful flight, a newspaper report on the work of Thomas Edison, a biography of an inventor and some super creative stories too.

Our work during the theme has spanned across the centuries, even looking at inventions from early civilisations and the children completed some excellent research as part of their homework, which has been on display in the classroom for them to see. We have also considered the importance and legal status of "Intellectual property" through our work on patents and copyright and, hopefully, this is something that the children will continue to consider as they complete their own work in the future and as we start our own class "Enterprise" work next half term.



Friday Focus

On Friday mornings, the children are split into three groups to allow focused learning and activities to take place. These sessions include construction with Mr Richards, where the children develop their DT skills and music with Mrs Blaker, where they have the opportunity to play the ukulele and other instruments. The third session is centred on an aspect of writing or maths that benefits from being discussed or completed in a small group. These lessons are extremely important to the children's learning for the week and I know that the children have got a lot from them so far.

Mathematics

I have been extremely impressed with the way that the children have approached our maths lessons. They have shown excellent resilience and have pushed themselves to both complete calculations but more importantly think and reason about what they are doing and why.

They have secured their understanding of the four operations and this will be a great foundation for us to move on to fractions, decimals and percentages next term. All of the children do still need to work on their times tables though to improve their fluency and accuracy. This will help them to work at the pace expected at year 6 and also help considerably with their confidence in maths.



Homework & 40 reads

Thank you to all of the children who have completed their homework and reads as requested.

After half term, the children will be given a SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) book and, as with the maths book that they brought home this week, these will be used for homework most weeks. I would be grateful if you can make sure that the children take care of these books as they are a very useful resource and that they bring them into school as requested.



Longtown Activity Day

The children had an excellent day at Longtown on Tuesday; they all pushed themselves to do their best and it was wonderful to see them supporting and encouraging each other.

Two of the activities were at a height whilst the third activity required the children to work as a team to help each other over a high wall. All of the children completely forgot about the constant rain and threw themselves into the activities with great enthusiasm and determination. Well done everyone!

There will be a selection of pictures on the website in the next few days but I have included some of the best ones below.



We will be starting our new theme "Go With The Flow" after half-term and hopefully, you have all already seen the exciting information about our curriculum visit to "We the Curious" on Friday 5th November. Please contact the office if you have not seen the relevant parent-mail or indeed the recent parent-mail explaining how to sign your child up to the Bikeability sessions at the end of November.

In the meantime, I hope that you all have a super half term and that you continue to stay safe and well. As always, please email admin, if you have any concerns regarding your child and I will contact you as soon as I can.

*Best wishes,
Mrs Lacey and the Year 6 Team.*