

Year 6 Curriculum Update

Friday 18th September 2021

Values: Inspiration & Excellence

A very warm welcome to Year 6. I am extremely pleased to say that the children have all settled into the year group with great ease and have already shown considerable determination, enthusiasm and maturity. A super start!

"A World of Bright Ideas"

Our Dimensions theme to start the year focuses on the creative process of invention and design with a leaning towards history, design technology and ICT. Over the next few weeks, we will look at important inventions over time, before learning about patenting and copyright. The children have already started to do this and I am looking forward to reading about their findings in their first piece of homework. Towards the end of the half term, the children will have the opportunity to put their design and creative skills to the test as they become "young entrepreneurs" as part of our annual Year 6 Enterprise project, which will then run through the rest of the academic year.

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 eighteen months, either through visits to companies where safe to do so, or through the use of technology such as Zoom and Teams. More information about this exciting project will follow in the next few weeks.



PE

Year 6 will be doing PE on Monday afternoons (outdoor) with Mr Thomas, who is a Sports Specialist that they worked with last year, and Wednesday mornings (indoor) with Mr Hutton. They will need to come to school in the appropriate kit on those days.

Creative Writing

The class had the opportunity to work with the amazing Drama Geezers in school last week.

The session involved creating the next chapter in a story, which they then acted out and recorded through their own illustrations. All of the children took part with great enthusiasm and they showed what wonderful imaginations they have - some of the ideas were incredibly inspiring and definitely added new twists to the whole school story.

This week the children have then focussed on one part of their chapter to write in more detail to develop their descriptive writing and their use of expanded noun phrases.

Forest School

Our visits to Forest School have got off to a great start, albeit a little damp on the first week. This half term the children will be focusing on classification of the plants and insects that they find onsite and will then be looking to build bug hotels to meet the needs of the specific insects.

Part of each session will also be used to include aspects of the wider curriculum. For example in last week we created circles, learning the language related to circles and how to measure using imperial unit of feet and inches.



Homework & 40 reads

The children will receive weekly Maths and English homework on a Monday, or occasionally a longer research project as they have had over the past two weeks.

Spelling – the children will be covering weekly spellings in class and these will be set as assignments on Spelling Shed.

Reading – as in Year 5, the children can be responsible for keeping their own reading record but we would ask that you encourage them to read for no less than 20 mins, at least three times each week.

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.

Science – All things Electric

As part of our theme, we will be exploring electricity and electrical inventions. The children have shown that they know how to build a circuit and we will be building on this knowledge over the next few weeks.



We are delighted with the positivity and progress that the children are already showing. If, however, you do have any concerns or if your child expresses any concerns, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can try to alleviate them.

I would also be grateful if you could advise the office as early as possible of any dates when you may be visiting High Schools so that I can take this into consideration when planning. We will also be in touch very shortly with some exciting information and dates regarding a team building day at Longtown and Bikeability training within school.

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