

Year 6 Curriculum Update

September 2024

Values: Diversity & Empathy



It has certainly been an extremely exciting start to the term! The children have shown such enthusiasm, resilience and drive during their first few weeks and should be very proud of their achievements so far. The positivity that the children showed when faced with the surprise overnight "Expedition" was fantastic, and they carried this through the various challenges and activities whilst we were away. A special thank you to Mrs Chapman for helping the adventure to happen and to all adults involved at

home for getting everything together at such short notice. There are more photos from the two days on the class gallery, if you would like to see the children in action.



"A World of Bright Ideas" & Enterprise

We are well on our way with our first theme of the year, which focuses on the history of inventions, and I am looking forward to seeing what the children have chosen to research for their homework. In the next few weeks, we will be looking at the role of patenting and copyright and how this affects businesses.

Our Enterprise project runs throughout the year and gives the children the opportunity to put their own design and creative skills to the test as they become "young entrepreneurs". This year the children have applied to be part of a specific group, focusing on developing different aspects of design and technology skills: textiles, construction and food technology/cooking. As well as learning what makes a successful business, the children will also have the chance to find out how some local businesses have adapted to the challenges of the past few 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

This half-term, the children will be building on their understanding of electrical circuits. They will have the opportunity to build different circuits and will also be finding out about some of the major developments in the history of electricity. They will also learn about the difference between AC and DC electricity and the "Current Wars".

Dates for the diary

Mon 23rd Sept - Visit to Madley Plants (am)

Tues 15th Oct - Year 6 Class Assembly (am)

Tues 16th Oct - Open Evening

21st, 22nd, 23rd Oct - Bikeability sessions (a Parentmail about this will be sent in the next few weeks)

PSHE - Diversity - PE

Across the school, the children have been discussing diversity and Year 6 took part in an engaging and thought-provoking drama session with The Drama Geezers to explore this in more depth. The children have also been looking at diversity within sport, with a focus on the recent Paralympics, and how different sports are adapted to allow athletes to take part. Lydia Freeman visited the class to share her own experiences and her work with the Dwarf Sports Association. The children asked some excellent questions, even working fifteen minutes into their lunchtime!



Homework & 40 reads

Homework will be set every Monday and will usually need to be handed in on a Friday, unless it is a research project like the one the children have recently been asked to do.

I have given the children a list of spellings for this half-term and there are more copies in school if they misplace it. I have also 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. Please just let me know so that I don't chase them.

The reading diaries (which have now arrived) will be collected in every Thursday and the children know that they need to be completing these independently. Please check over the next few weeks that your child is getting into the habit of writing a sentence or two straight after they have read rather than forgetting what they have read.

I would like to congratulate the children again on the way they have started the year and I know that we are all looking forward to working with them on their journey through Year 6. If you have any concerns or queries though that I can help you with then please let the office know and I will contact you as soon as I can. May I also ask that you inform the office of any visits to High Schools that your child is attending so that I can plan these into the weeks ahead.

Kind regards, Mrs Lacey & the Year 6 Team