

Class 6 Curriculum Update

Tuesday 12th May 2020

Values: Awareness and Commitment

Welcome to another week of home learning in what would have been SATS week in school and whilst some children may be breathing a sigh of relief, I know that others were looking forward to the challenge. Either way, I know that the children had shown considerable commitment to succeed in class and it has been lovely to see how many children have continued to show the same level of determination whilst working from home.

Thank you so much for continuing to do your best (both adults and children) during these uncertain times.

"Only when things are not normal anymore do we realise how special normal things are."

Maths

The children should find the work this week fairly straight forward as it covers areas which they were all very familiar with when we were last in school. The worksheets are no longer available on the WRM website, however you will find them on our class page, below the Curriculum Update.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-6/>

I have also included some challenging activities on Education City involving algebra - it repeats and then follows on from the work we had started to cover in class. Have fun!

Summer Term – Week 3

Lesson 1: Multiply fractions by integers (whole numbers)

Lesson 2: Multiply fractions by fractions

Lesson 3: Divide fractions by integers

Lesson 4: Fractions of amounts

Could the children all please make sure that they have completed the mixed fraction worksheet from Day 4 last week as this is one area that they do all need to work on.

Science

The next part of our science topic is to think about the human eye and how it works.

This week, I would like the children to watch the following videos and then use the information to draw and label the parts of the eye listed below. If they would like to go a little further, then they could also explain how we see in their own words.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgdmsbk/articles/z7by92p>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3_n3lbf1c

Please label the following parts of the eye on your diagram:

iris	pupil	cornea	retina
rods and cones	lens	optic nerve	

Online Assignments

Thank you so much to all those children who are regularly logging on and completing the assignments on Education City, Spelling Shed and of course pushing themselves on TT Rockstars. It is all helping to maintain and develop their skills and knowledge whilst working from home.

I have noticed that fewer children were using Spelling Shed last week so I have kept the assignments on for a further week to give more time for them to be completed. Also, on Education City, it is important that the children complete the activities to the best of their abilities as it is not enough to just "do them" - their progress within the activity is more important.

English

Writing Task:

As last week's writing task was particularly detailed (and I completely forgot to take into account the Bank Holiday) I would like the children to focus on finishing their story and illustrations, if they haven't done so already. I am really looking forward to seeing this work at some point and hope that the children enjoyed the film and writing the story in their words.

Next week, we will be looking to write **a discussion text on the use of PG and U ratings within the film industry** so they could start to do some research and make some notes around this subject: why/how they came about; how they are judged; whether there are films which they disagree with the rating and why etc.

SPAG:

Following on from the work that the children completed two weeks ago, I would like them to complete **pages 30 and 31 from their SPAG book** – Writing for Your Audience. This again looks at the differences between formal and informal writing styles and will be useful for them in their writing task next week, which will be a formal text.

Reading

The answer sheet for Wild Camping (the final text from the booklet) is available on the website and this week I have assigned a **Guided Reading assessment on Education City** for the children to complete and review their answers. The format is therefore a little different but I am sure that they will be able to follow the instructions on the screen without any difficulty.

Hopefully, the children are all continuing to read on a regular basis as this is the perfect time to explore all of the wonderful books, whether fiction or non-fiction that exist. There are also lots of free online resources at the moment, which are useful if you do not have anything that grabs their interest at home.

<https://www.dk.com/uk/information/home-learning-for-kids/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime>

Before I finish, I would like to share a few lines from a poem that a Year 6 teacher at another school wrote this week as it certainly rings true for Madley at any time, not just this year.

*Fear not though that SATS have not happened this term
Because tests don't measure everything that you learn
Our curriculum is varied; you always try your best
And the many skills you've learnt this year, can't be defined by a test.*

I look forward to hearing what the children have been up to and to finding out what new skills they have learnt during the past few weeks. I am sure that there will be some interesting stories!

Until then, please keep safe and enjoy your time learning together.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lacey and the Year 6 Team .