

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 - Autumn Term 2020

Welcome back to a new term. It has been great to have all of the children back in school with us and they have all made a great start to Year 6.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Warren working with us this year. She's already enjoying getting to spend another year with the class after working with them in Year 2.

MATHS will include developing mental skills and strategies as well as developing fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills in the following areas:

- Reading and writing numbers up to 10 000 000 and determining the value of each digit.
- Rounding any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division – developing mental and written methods and problem solving.
- Fractions – including adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing.
- Geometry- focusing on position and direction

We will spend time each week practising table facts in preparation for the 'Tables Club' tests. The children will have their test on a Wednesday morning. Thank you in advance for your support with helping children to practise their multiplication and division facts. Help sheets will be sent out after each test is past to help the children to prepare for their new club.

ENGLISH

We will explore a range of texts in English, both fiction and non-fiction.

Spelling and grammar will continue to be taught as part of the English lesson as well as separate lessons throughout the week.

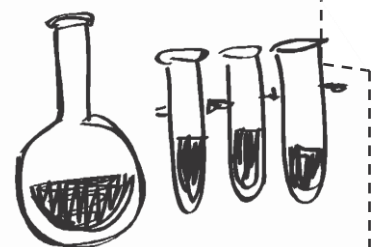
WRITING Pupils will undertake a variety of non-fiction and fiction writing; including a range of narratives and poems as well as report writing, diary entries and biographies.

READING We will look at a range of texts focusing on different areas of reading, including understanding vocabulary and inferring ideas from texts. Please remind the children to bring their Reading Records into school each Monday. They will then bring them back home on a Wednesday.

SPELLING Our main focus for the start of Year 6 is making sure that children are secure with basic suffix spelling patterns to allow them to apply these to a range of words. To support the learning of these spellings they will be incorporated into lessons. Spellings will be sent home for the children to practise each Wednesday (from wb 21st September) and tested each Monday (from wb 28th September).

SCIENCE

The children will be learning about the human body which will include investigating the different systems of the body as well as learning about the heart and blood. After half term,, our focus will be on living things and their habitats where we will be learning about classification.



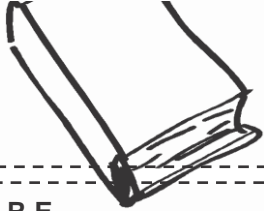
COMPUTING

In computing this term, we will be focusing on algorithms and programming. This will involve the children designing and developing their own games.



GEOGRAPHY

Our geography focus is on Athens and Central Greece. The children will learn to locate countries, regions and oceans on maps, investigate the human and physical geography of Greece and research key landmarks.



HISTORY

After half term, we will learn about Ancient Greece with a focus on Greek life and achievements, and their influence on the western world.

R.E.

The children will be learning about the beliefs and practices of Islam. In Autumn 2, we will be looking at the story and practices surrounding Christmas.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY / ART

Our D & T will involve developing sewing skills: combining different fabrics. In art we will be exploring the illustrations of Quentin Blake and will be using inks to recreate his style.



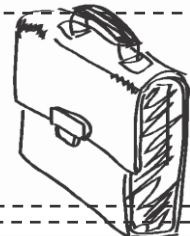
P.E.

This term we will focus on invasion games with the focus of developing attacking and defending skills and following rules. The children will also work on gymnastic techniques, developing balance and posture to create sequences using apparatus.

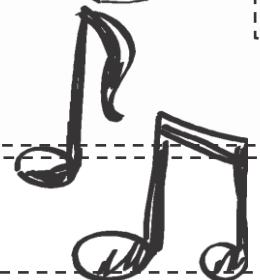


FRENCH

Children will continue to develop basic vocabulary and phrases through conversation, drama and role-play, focusing this term on items of clothing as well as days of the week.



In **MUSIC** this term, the children will be working on a 'Happy' theme, exploring different uplifting music and investigating tempo, rhythm and dynamics. The children will also be creating their own compositions.



Our focus in **PSHE** this term will be health and wellbeing, and relationships.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me: kball@ridge.dudley.sch.uk

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