

Year 6 Newsletter: Spring 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

This half-term we are really pleased with the attitude that the children have following their half-term break. It is great to see them rising to the challenges of Year 6. Keep it up, everyone! Looking ahead to the next half term, we have lots of exciting learning planned. We will be structuring our work around our class book 'The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas'.

Maths

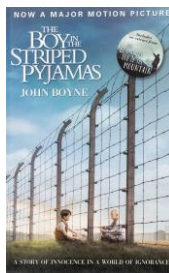
In **Maths**, children will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will be learning about their equivalence and children will be applying their understanding to problems involving all three concepts. Children will be encouraged to use their revision books in class to practice and revise the areas that we have covered already in Year 6. We will also be revising for our upcoming SATs tests with regular arithmetic activities and afternoon revision lessons to practise the four key operations and develop our fluency skills.

English

This half term, in **English**, we will be covering a variety of genres of text types including descriptive writing, letters and diary entries. We have been very impressed with childrens enthusiasm in their writing and their ability to edit and improve their work. This half term we would like to see children applying all the skills they have learned so far in order to show us their very best writing! Our key text will be *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* – a book which our Year 6 pupils always enjoy. We will also be accompanying our writing with regular SPaG lessons and revision.

Geography- Our Changing World

Pupils will be exploring 'Our Changing World.' We will explore how our city centre, country and coastline have changed over time and the factors that have initiated this. Children will learn about the causes of these changes such as erosion and deposition; as well as the socio-economic factors which have occurred too. Pupils will use maps, photographs and secondary research to aid their own understanding.



Science – Living Things and Their Habitats

Our focus in Science will be Living Things and Their Habitats. We will learn about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. They will find out about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus, micro-organisms, and conduct an investigation into the growth of mould on bread.

PE

Our PE themes for this half term are Evade, Invade & Capture. Pupils will be developing skills in agility, strength, technique, control and balance across a range of exciting lessons. This will lead up to a series of mini-tournaments and team games that will allow all pupils to flourish and show their competitive sides.

RE

This term, Pupils will be exploring and finding out more about the Easter story and finding out what Christians believe about Jesus' death and resurrection. This will be supported by assemblies and whole class discussion. As always, RE lessons will promote both debate and discovery.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, as part of our health and wellbeing curriculum, the children will be learning about the various risks of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. This topic will give pupils factual knowledge about the risks posed by these so they are well equipped to make informed and safe choices.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Our class book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', will explore themes of conflict, friendship and religion. The children will consider the ethnic make-up of Beestons population and the importance of mutual respect and tolerance.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In Geography, children will look at how geographers are developing solutions to problems that are occurring in our world. Pupils will look at factors which influence town planning and how these can affect the local economy both positively and negatively.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will be learning about ways to look after our mental and physical health and wellbeing in PE and PHSE. The children will also think of ways we can support others to do the same.

Inquisitive Investigators

Our work in Science will encourage us to think about how different animals have different characteristics and thrive in certain habitats. Pupils will be given the opportunity to design an investigation into harmful microorganisms.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- PE will take place on a Monday afternoon for all Year 6 classes.
- Children can practice their times tables using the Times Tables Rock Stars website. They can practise their spellings by logging onto their spelling shed account.
- Spellings are sent home on Friday and tested on the following Friday.
- Maths and SPaG homework is sent out each Friday and needs to be handed in the following Friday for whole class marking & feedback.
- We recommend that children read at least four times a week at home, ideally with an adult.
- SATs week = Monday 13th May 2024 – Thursday 16th May