

# Year 6 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They have been fantastic at adapting to and remembering the new routines we have in place. They have made a brilliant start to the new learning in Year 6 and they all seem excited about what we have in store for them this year.

## English

In Term 1, we will be using a range of stimuli, which is linked to our Global Theme, to inspire our writing of setting and character descriptions as well as instructional texts and folktales. Our SPaG focus will support the children in consolidating their fundamental skills, ensuring they use them in their writing.

## Maths

In Maths, our main focus will be Number and Place Value, in addition to the Four Operations. The children will be introduced to 8-digit numbers. They will explore and investigate the value of each digit in these. The children will then go on to the Four Operations, enhancing prior knowledge in addition to being introduced to Long Division.

## Science

Our science topic is 'Electricity'. We will explore the new language, vocabulary and concepts within these topics and the children will have many opportunities to investigate using practical resources. Below is a list of the key vocabulary for Science:

**Conductor** — A substance capable of transmitting light, electricity, heat or sound.

**Electrical Converter** — Changes alternating current into a direct current or vice versa.

**Voltage** — An electric force that causes free electrons to move from one atom to another.

**Components** — Parts or units of a system.

**Electrodes** — An electrical conductor that can carry electricity.

**Electrolytes** — A substances that, when dissolved, conducts an electric current.

**Circuit** — A complete path around which electricity can flow.

## Timetable

**Monday** -

**Tuesday** - Home Learning due in

**Wednesday** - Spellings Test

**Thursday** - PE (outside)

**Friday** - Spellings and Home learning sent home, Reading Records in school, PE (outside)

## Home Learning

Maths sheets will be sent weekly, these should take around 20 minutes to complete.

Five times reading is still an expectation - Reading Records to be in school on a Friday and signed by an adult please.

Times Tables Rock Star (TTRS) should be accessed three times a week. The class teacher will monitor and challenge the children appropriately.

Spellings will be weekly and from the Year 5/6 common exception words list.

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In Year 6, our theme of Identity and Diversity will be addressed through the subjects of History and Geography. Our History learning will be based around ancient civilisations, with the focus being The Ancient Maya. The Geography learning will be closely linked to the history as we will learn about Mesoamerica, identifying the key physical and human characteristics of the regions in which the Maya lived and explore the impact of geographical changes on the Maya civilisation.

**Our Global Theme:** Identity and Diversity

**Our Key Question:** Natures vs Nurture. Is one's identity a result of nature or nurture?

**Our Concepts:**

**Integration** — To combine (a religious or racial group) into a community.

**Discrimination** — To single out (a person or a group) for worse or better treatment than others.

**Cohesion** — The action or fact of forming a united whole (joining or working together).

**Prejudice** — An opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience.

**Authentic Outcome:**

'Beauty within Flaws' - A gallery exhibition of the children's artwork where they are inspired by Kimmy Cantrell's sculptures, creating their own.

**Key vocabulary for this topic:**

**Geography**

**Lowlands** — An area where the land is at, near or below the level of the sea. There are usually no mountains or large hills.

**Highlands** — An elevated region or plateau or a mountainous region of a country.

**City States** — A city that has its own sovereignty. It must govern itself independently.

**Civilisation** — Settled and stable communities that became the basis for later states, nations and empires.

**History**

**Conquistadors** — A leader in the Spanish conquest, especially of Mexico and Peru, in the 16th Century.

**Hierarchy** — A way of ranking and organising people.

**Classic Period** - A Maya civilisation which dated between 200-900 A.D.

**Nobility** — A class of people with high rank or title.