

Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to what we hope is going to be a really successful and happy term in year 6. We are so pleased to be back and ready to get going with learning. Year 6 is an important year and we will be working hard to prepare the children for their journey through SATs and on to their new schools. There will be lots of fun and exciting things along the way.

Our theme

For the Autumn term, our topic is 'The Blue Planet'. We will be learning all about rivers in the U.K, erosion, climate change and sustainability. We will also find out all about the island of Iceland as a place of study in Europe. Our science lessons will center around living things and their habitats and evolution and inheritance. Art lessons will look at how to use different brush strokes and we will be exploring the artist of Andy Warhol. R.E will continue to be taught across the year and we will be starting with a focus of Islam.



English

To begin with in English, we will be looking at how to write good, grammatically correct sentences through a unit of the 'Place Value of Punctuation'. Our writing later in the term, will then be linked to our theme of 'Blue Planet.' We will be writing diaries for an Antarctic explorer and leaflets to persuade tourists to visit Iceland as well as news paper reports about volcanic explosions on the island. Through all of this writing, we will continue to improve our grammar and sentence structure skills.

In addition, we will continue to work on our reading skills of inference and deduction as well as learning new vocabulary and improving our reading fluency.

Maths

Our Maths lessons this term will have a large focus on place value and the understanding of number. We will ensure that all children are confident in using formal methods to calculate with the four operations and also have a good grasp of mathematical vocabulary. Later in the term we will spend time consolidating knowledge about fractions and move on to calculating with them, ordering and comparing and knowing equivalent decimals and percentages.



You can continue to support your child by engaging them in every day Maths situations including telling the time, handling money and reading measures. In order to prepare children for their SATs, practicing the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be essential. It is also important your child knows the times tables up to the twelve times table, forwards and backwards, and the associated division facts e.g. $63 \div 9 = 7$. All children have access to Times Table RockStars and should be using this regularly.

The year 6 team would like to thank you for your continued support.