



28th April 2021

Dear Year 6 Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely, restful Easter holiday. We have many exciting things happening this term, the children will be incredibly busy!

Our topic for this term is, '**Inheriting the World: Our impact on the world/what we leave and what we take**'. This topic has a science focus. We will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance, as well as our impact on the environment and what we can do to protect it. Whenever possible, this topic will be covered through cross curricular teaching and learning – linking subjects together to ensure a wholesome experience for the children.

In **English** we will start the term looking at newspaper writing. We will understand the purpose of news and how it is produced and what makes a story newsworthy. In addition, we will understand how news can challenge power and become experts at spotting fake news. By the end of the unit, we will report our own news story about a real issue relevant to our community. The children will conduct research and interviews in order to write and publish their reports. Later in the term, we will be writing a biography. Working together on a biography of Charles Darwin, and then on a scientist of their choosing that interests them. To finish off the term, we will return to narrative and use the picture book 'Moth' to inspire our fiction writing. In **reading**, we will be using the text 'Floodland' (a dystopian novel set in Norwich, which shines a light on the potential impact of climate change, to develop our reading skills. Remember, when reading at home, it is still important to listen to your child read. Please ask questions about the text to help develop comprehension skills. Grammar will be taught in context when writing to embed the objectives for KS2. Spelling and handwriting will be integrated within English lessons.

In **Maths** we will be looking at measurements, both metric and imperial and learning how to convert between them and apply this knowledge to problem solving. We will then begin our learning in ratio and proportion before finishing off the half term by revisiting fraction, decimal and percentage work we covered during lockdown. After half term, we will cover statistics, geometry (angles and 3D shapes) and spend the remainder preparing the children for maths in year 7. This term will also have an emphasis on arithmetic as we consolidate their written methods across a range of areas. Please let me know if you need any information regarding the methods we use in class.

In **Science** during the first half term, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. This will begin with a virtual workshop from the Natural History museum and an introduction to Darwin and his Origin of the Species. In the second half term, we will look at microorganisms and have opportunities to conduct a number of investigations. We will link our understanding to what is happening in the world at the moment.

In **Geography** we will focus on map reading as we explore the United Kingdom. We will name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, its geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. This will be linked to our reading of Floodland and our residential, where we will also have the opportunity to develop our orienteering, compass and map-reading skills.

Art and D & T. We will design and create our own species using our understanding of adaptation and evolution. We will begin by developing our initial ideas, and then create life-size models which we will be using in our wildlife documentaries. We will then explore large scale landscape paintings to create backdrops for the habitats in our documentaries.

In **Computing**, we will scripting, filming and editing our own wildlife documentaries. Using David Attenborough as our inspiration, we will understand the features of a wildlife documentary and then use this understanding to create our own. We will visit the CLC to edit our videos using voice overs and green screens.

In **P.S.H.E.** we will continue our work on mental health and well-being. Following this, we will focus on supporting the children's transition to secondary school.

PE/Games

Year 6 will continue to have **games** on **Friday** afternoons with Coach Charlie. It is vital that your child comes to school wearing their PE kits on these days. Appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn (no jewellery and long hair must be tied back). There will be no changing into PE kits on these days. As the weather gets warmer, we will be travelling to Regents Park or Hampstead Heath to play rounders and work on other team games.

Year 6 Swimming. Year 6 will be having intensive swimming lessons this term. They were supposed to have lessons in Year 5 but were unable to do so due to Covid restrictions. We have arranged with Kentish Town swimming baths for the class to have two weeks of daily, intensive lessons (one hour sessions) Please see the dates below.

French

Year 6 will have **French** lessons with Chloe on Friday afternoons.

Music

Brass will continue to be on Tuesday mornings (9.00am – 10.00am) with our KS2 music teacher, Simon. Please ensure children practise at home and have their instrument in school on Tuesdays.

Home Learning

Every **Friday** your child will be given homework via Google Classroom. A range of tasks will be set that consolidate the learning of the week. This enables you to see what your child has been learning during that week. Please participate in their homework but allow the child to take the lead, assisting only if they are unsure or need something reading or explaining.

Please also ensure that your child tries their best to ensure that their homework is of a good standard. Homework is due back on the following **Thursday**.

Year 6 Performance

The children will begin their Year 6 performance rehearsals. We will be holding auditions for the lead roles. There will be an opportunity for all children to take part. If you are able to help with set design, costumes, lighting, etc., please let me know. It would be much appreciated!

Punctuality

Please remember that children should be in the classroom at 8.55 am each morning. If they are not in the room by this time they will be recorded as late.

Visits and workshops this term:

Crick Workshop	26th April 2021
Natural History virtual workshop	26th April 2021
Year 6 Cake sale	30th April 2021
CLC Trip	14th May 2021
Swimming lessons	17th - 28th May 2021
Parents information meeting Yr 6 residential	27th May 2021

Yours sincerely,

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