



ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL Y6 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 6 Class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our **Context for learning** is a study about the changing power of monarchs since 1066. The children will look at evidence across the ages and will further develop their skills as historians. Where we can, we will link our learning in other subjects to this topic. In History, we will be aiming to answer the questions: **'Who has the power?' and 'How has the role of the monarchy changed since 1066?'**

The Year 6 Team: Class teachers—Ms Quinn, Ms Steadman, Ms Bridgman Class TA—Ms Spiller

English

Our first text this year is *Boom!* by Mark Haddon. Using this story as inspiration, we will be writing a range of genres including a diary entry, a setting description and a travel brochure. We will also be having a drama workshop by the Young Shakespeare Company, who will be performing Macbeth. Look out for the exciting writing that follows! We will continue to develop children's grammar and spelling which will include a focus on spelling rules, such as words ending in -ible and -able.

Maths

Our focus for the first half-term will be to consolidate the children's knowledge of place value and number. They will be reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers up to ten million as well as identifying the value of each digit in these numbers. We will recap the written methods for all four operations (+ - x ÷) and practise a range of problem solving strategies. We will continue to practise and embed the children's time tables knowledge through regular practice during our Basic Skills starters.

History

This term, we will be learning about different monarchs since 1066 and identifying how they changed England/Britain. We plan for the topic to culminate in an opportunity to share our learning with Gordonbrock Primary School in a Monarchs Quiz.

Science

In our Light topic, we will be focussing on how we see things and how shadows are formed. After half term, we will explore Electricity. We will be developing our ability to record information scientifically in charts and graphs and make predictions based on prior knowledge and evidence.

Music

Year 6 will have the opportunity to work with Mr Prescott this term, our specialist music teacher, who will further develop the children's previous learning and their technical understanding through engaging and fun weekly lessons and morning assemblies. We will be taking part in an exciting project with the BBC—more information to follow soon.



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PE

For the first half term, we will have dance in the gym on Mondays. Outdoor PE will be on Fridays with our sports coach and will be developing the children's deeper understanding of sports, beginning with Cricket.

Art

This term, we will be developing the children's painting and sketching skills with a focus on still life. We will also create some portraits linked to Black History Month and the artist, Kehinde Wiley.

French

We will be revising vocabulary learned in previous year groups as well as learning French to describe actions and talking about places in France. We will continue to develop the children's speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.

RE

This half term our religious focus will be on Islam. We will be looking at why Muslims take part in Ramadan and celebrate Eid-al-Fitr. In the next half term, we will build on this by looking at the celebration of Eid-al-Adha and the pilgrimage to Mecca for Hajj. Links with the children's own experiences and beliefs will be drawn upon throughout the topic.

PSHE

In the first part of the Autumn term, our PSHE lessons focus on human rights. After half term, we will focus on drug and alcohol education. We will also complete some internet safety lessons alongside our Computing curriculum.

Reading Journals

Year 6 will record their daily reading in their reading journal. Your child will have the opportunity to tell us about the books they are reading. They can choose to do this through a range of ways, such as creating a word search, by drawing a family tree or creating a character map. Reading journals are collected every Tuesday.

Reminders

Jewellery: The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible, your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

We endeavour to be a nut free school. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.

Birthdays: If you would like to make a gift of a book or a wet-play game for the Class to Celebrate your child's birthday, that would be much appreciated.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

Indoor PE: Mondays. Your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and plain navy shorts (above the knee).

Outdoor PE: Fridays. Your child will need a white short sleeved, round neck t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

Your child should come in wearing their PE kit on their PE days. They may wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts on Mondays if it's cold.

Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

Mathletics: This will be set each week on Monday.

Big Cat books online and books from the class library: We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record this in their journal (to be signed by their parent/ carer).

Spellings on Google Classroom: The class teacher will add these to the class stream on your Classroom.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the 'Take away tasks'. Please bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work at home.

Important dates



Class assembly:
14th October

Open morning:
18th October

Parents' evening:
20th October

Half term:
Monday 24th
October – Friday
28th October

Young Shakespeare Company:
2nd November

Tower of London:
16th November

Last day of term:
16th December