



Welcome to the Year 6 class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is:

Could you survive in Prehistoric Britain?

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English

This term, we will be continuing to develop our reading and writing skills through a range of high quality and engaging texts. We have started the year by writing persuasive letters to leaders, such as Rishi Sunak, to demand action on climate change. We have practised using rhetorical questions, emotive language and sounding authoritative. Later in the term, we will be writing longer narratives and our own poetry. Both classes have started a new text for our whole class reading sessions: Holes. Your child may wish to continue reading our old whole class reader, Wonder, at home.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, children will be recapping basic skills as well as studying fractions, decimals and percentages in more depth. Later on in the term, we will be learning about algebra, measurement conversions, perimeter, area and volume and finally, ratio.

History

This term, we will be learning about the changes that took place from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and answering the question: 'Could you survive in prehistoric Britain?'. We will be looking at the chronology of the period from Palaeolithic through to Neolithic and into the Bronze and Iron Ages. We will look at how early humans lived and how their lives changed and developed over this period. We have kicked off our topic with As well as a theatre workshop linked to this topic, we are also hoping to include a trip to the Horniman Museum to look at artefacts from the period.

Science

This term we will be learning about evolution. We will learn that living things have changed over time; that fossils provide evidence; that living things existed millions of years ago; that living things produce offspring that are different to their parents; that animals and plants adapt to their environment in different ways; and that adaptation may lead to natural selection and evolution.



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PE

On Friday afternoons, Year 6 will take part in outdoor PE lessons with the sports coach with a focus on athletics and then hockey. Indoor PE will begin with gymnastics and then follow on with dance.

Art

This term, we will be developing the children's printing skills. We intend to link this to our history topic by looking at cave art and creating our own prints with a range of materials.

Music

We will be revising rhythmic ostinatos by improvising and performing our own melodic ostinatos. We will also be learning about chords, playing rhythm cycles in a percussion piece and singing call and response songs. This is all in addition to our weekly singing assemblies with Mr Prescott.

Computing

We are starting the term completing a 3D modelling unit we began before the holiday. The children are using a website called Tinkercad and learning to plan and create their own 3D models on a computer. We will then move on to a web creation unit where the children identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites. We will pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, the aesthetics of the site, and navigation paths.

French

We will be revising vocabulary learned in the Autumn Term, as well as learning French related to families and spending time with friends. We will continue to develop the children's speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.

RE

In this half term's RE topic we are learning about what faith and belief in Lewisham looks like. We will celebrate the religions practised throughout our class, school and borough so the children gain an understanding of the religious make-up of their community. After half term, we will investigate beliefs about life and life after death.

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 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.

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

Outdoor PE for both classes is on Friday, for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

Until further notice, your child should come in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

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)

English-based Homework on Google classroom e.g: spelling

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



21.1.22 Lyricism and Rap Music workshop

26.1.22 Theatre workshop (Prehistoric Britain)

Half term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February

25.2.22 Urban Synergy workshop

3.3.22 World Book Day

Last day of term: Friday 1st April