



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you are ready for the Autumn Term after a lovely Summer break. The hard work begins on the first day as we begin to prepare your child for their End of Key Stage 2 SATs. More news about this will follow a you will be invited you in for a parent workshop, showcasing the SATs expectations of your child. We will also be sharing our new residential offer for 2024. Our new topic is Legacies and Achievements and we are looking forward to learning about how all of the different ancient civilisations have impacted modern life. We are planning to teach your child various skills this term including: bread making, computer coding, dance and cricket to name a few. As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide at home and look forward to working with you to help your children progress further with their learning.

The Year 6 Team

Phase Leader: Mr Bate
Class 6Be: Miss Bennett
Class 6Ba: Mr Bate
HLTA: Mrs Hale

English

We will be focusing on a variety of other texts in reading lessons to develop comprehension skills. In writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of genres including narrative (Kensuke’s Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo), non-fiction (non-chronological report) and poetry. Throughout all lessons and subjects we will be developing our oracy skills, through paired and group discussion whilst increasing our use of vocabulary and grammatically accurate sentences. We will continue to encourage the use of Nelson Handwriting Style. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to read 10 minutes daily – either home readers or texts of their choice – and record this in their home school planner.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on Place Value up to millions (7 digit numbers) and the 4 operations. Please encourage your children to read and tell the time at home at every opportunity using an analogue clock (a clock with hands), compare it to digital times in the 12 hour (am/pm) and 24 hour clocks.

Homework

Daily reading is expected. Children can access Time Tables Rockstars (TTRS) online to support with maths skills. Century Tech online support children with English, Maths and Science in preparation for their **end of key stage 2 SATS**. Some homework may be set on Google Classroom (children will be made aware of this and tasks will be written in their planners).

Science

During this term, we will be learning about classifying Living Things. During this unit, we will be exploring the kingdoms of life, the impact of the work of Carl Linnaeus and the different types of fungi. Children will have to opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills. This will include experiments that will explore microorganisms, including the effect of yeast in baking.

PE

On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in the correct Woodside PE kit that follows our uniform policy. Children will have lessons both indoors and outdoors. Please remove all jewellery on these days.

Computing

Throughout the year we teach online safety. This term, children will be learning coding. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via RMuNify.

Other subjects

This term, our topic is legacies and achievements. In history, we will be studying ancient societies. In geography, we will be developing our map skills and exploring economic activity. In design technology, we will be studying bread designing and baking. In art, we will be drawing people in action. In music, we will be reading notation and performing in the style of Hip-Hop. In RE, we will be exploring Christianity. In Spanish, we will be learning to speak about our home and clothes. In PSHE, we will be learning about Relationships – Families and Friendship, Safe Relationships and Respecting Ourselves and Others

For further details of our curriculum content, please visit the school website ‘Our Learning’ section

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Learning&pid=57>

Family Project

Have a great time over the Summer break with your family creating a project about our new topic
Ancient Civilisations.

Ancient Civilisations: What are we famous for?

We would love you to complete a family project, based on an ancient civilisation of your choice (Mayans, Egyptians, Romans or Greeks etc) in relation to what key milestones, technologies, languages, sciences or rituals they were famous for and then explore further how that has impacted upon today's society.

You will need to include:

- List the expectations e.g.
- Description
- Pictures, Illustrations or models
- Facts about the civilisations technology and how we have adapted the technology today. e.g who developed the first crane and what do they look like today. This is only an example of one technological advancement – find and research your own

It will be your choice how you wish to present your information.
Be as creative as you like!

Ideas of how to present your project could be: Timelines, sketches, 3D models, presentations, biographies, photos of examples around the home or local area.



The development of a crane over time since the Ancient Egyptians time
This is an example of an ancient achievement and how it impacts on society today.

SUMMER WEEKLY CHALLENGES

Enjoy completing these challenges throughout summer break to help you retain your knowledge in preparation for your new school year. The Century tasks below are based on the analysis of your End of Year 5 assessments.

Rewards will be based on accuracy, so take great care and pride.

w/c 31.7.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks
7.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks
14.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks
21.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks
28.8.23	Century: Reading, SPAG and Maths tasks



Click on the images above to take you to the Summer Reading Challenge and Recommended Books for Years 5 and 6.

Please sign up to this year's **National Summer Reading Challenge**. There are lots of books freely available at local libraries and online to share with your child or for your child to read to you. They may choose to read independently too. How many books will you share and read during the six weeks holiday?

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#library>

We have 50 recommended reads that have been chosen for your child's age. Some of these stories have been uploaded to the school website as videos in **Our Learning > Year 6 > Reading** for you to share with your child. What will be your child's favourite book this summer? We can't wait to find out!

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+6&pid=73>

After you have read a book, find the related quizzes on your accelerated reader and give it a go. How many word reading miles can you achieve?