

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you are ready for the Spring Term after a lovely break. We will continue to work hard towards the end of Key Stage 2 SATs in May. Your child will be provided with homework to consolidate their learning that takes place during school time. Our early morning starts from 8am are also recommended to make every moment count. All Year 6 children are welcome. We are planning to teach your child various skills this term including: textiles, gymnastics, basketball and hockey 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

Key Stage 2 Phase Leader and Class 6Ba: Mr Bate

Class 6Be: Miss Bennett

TA: Mrs. Hale

English

Our class text will be Everest and A Monster Calls! 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, 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 20 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 fractions, decimals and percentages and the four operations (+, -, x, /). It is expected that your child knows off by heart times tables to 12x12. They will be able to apply these facts to more complex maths – especially fractions, decimals and percentages. 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 and have opportunities to find totals to and change from £10.00 when shopping. These are important everyday life skills.

Homework

Daily **reading** is expected. Your child will have a book to practise their reading skills. For books online please visit [Storytime Online](#). Books can be borrowed from the local library free of charge. Children can access [Time Tables Rockstars](#) online to support with maths skills. [Century Tech](#) online supports children with English, Maths and Science in preparation for end of Key Stage 2 SATS. Tasks are set and checked daily. 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 Evolution and Inheritance, and Electricity. During these units, we will be exploring parents and offspring, variation and adaptation. Children will have to opportunity to carry out practical tasks to develop their working scientifically skills. This will include experiments that will explore changing the brightness of bulbs, and the volume of buzzers in a circuit and circuit burnout.

PE

PE days are on Tuesdays(6Be) Wednesdays (6B) and Thursdays (both classes). 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 about Blogging and developing our computer science skills through Text Adventures. Children have access to Purple Mash at home via [RMUnify](#).

Wider Curriculum Subjects

In History, we will be studying the Ancient Mayan civilisation and comparing it to Anglo-Saxon Britain. In Design Technology, we will be developing textile techniques and designing bags. In art, we will be developing out painting skills through cityscapes. In music, we will be learning about musical styles and how to compose. In RE, we will be studying Islam. In PSHE, we will be learning about Living in the Wider World – belonging to a community, media literacy and digital resilience, money and work.

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>

Holiday Project

To support the children in their studies of Mount Everest this half term, it would be fantastic if the children could make a mountain from paper machete, Christmas boxes or tin foil!



Last half term, the children found a variety of ways to present their research on the origins of Coffee. It would be fantastic and really support your child's learning going forward with their studies if they could find out about:

- explorers who have scaled this mountain and those that did not,
- the continent and country it can be found,
- the surrounding countries and the height of the mountain,

If it captivates their imagination, then they are more than welcome to choose an alternative mountain. Mount Fuji has proven to be very popular as well as the 3 Peak challenge, here in the UK.

So get creative kids 😊 We look forward to welcoming you back and trying to make room to display these mountains! Enjoy 😊

Mr Bate, Miss Bennett & Mrs Hale