



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

February 2015

Dear Parents,

Kung Hei Fat Choi!

We hope you have had an enjoyable Chinese New Year break and are ready for the new term.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please continue to check our blog for regular updates of work we are doing in school.

As the weather has turned wetter please ensure that all jackets, coats, fleeces are labeled so we can return any lost items to the right child. We would also like support in enforcing our uniform policy. Children are starting to bring brightly coloured trainers into school. We have been reminding the children that they need plain white trainers for PE days and black shoes at all other times. We would really appreciate your support with this. Please remember we have a 'no hat no play' policy all year round so ensure that your child continues to bring their named hat.

Also a polite reminder NAIS is a nut free school. Please ensure that this is strictly followed for the safety of all our children, this includes Nutella related products which contain Hazelnuts.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

ENGLISH

English lessons will be focused on learning about non-chronological report writing. Children will be reading a wide variety of these texts and then using frameworks and other support materials to perfect their own report writing. We are focusing on paragraphing and how features of report writing help the reader to obtain information. As always in Year 6 we are asking children to be critical of writing and develop their thinking on how to make their work successful and what this would look like.



MATHS

This term we will begin by looking at addition and subtraction methods, both mental and written. We will also be learning how to use these correctly in word problems and techniques to identify what strategies to use to check our work. Children will learn how to use estimation in order to tackle a problem. We will then look at problems involving all four operations. Children will tackle work on ratio and proportion and revise the concept of volume.

THEME

‘Amazing Inventions and Inventors’

Year 6 are becoming scientists, inventors and space advisors as they tackle a ‘Webquest’ in order to solve a problem for an alien planet. They will be using their knowledge of inventions to develop a database of important inventions and then suggest the best three to our ‘visitors’ to take back to their planet. Children will be involved in group work, debates and will use their reasoning skills to decide on what is important. Our Science unit will cover Electricity and how circuits work. Children will be able to put into practice all their learning from the Science Museum.

MANDARIN

Beginner pupils will learn vocabulary about clothing, seasons, weather and school life. Through role-play activities, they will consolidate their listening and speaking about what they like to wear, which seasons they like most and what they do in a normal school day.

Intermediate pupils in year 5 will be learning some new words and expressions on classroom commands in Mandarin. An increasing focus will be placed on how to comprehend a Chinese passage and produce a short paragraph about school. Students will also get to know more about Chinese culture and how to ask questions and develop critical thinking.

Curriculum Newsletter Y5 Mandarin Advanced

Advanced pupils will learn more chapters which include 《听鱼说话》、《鸽子春风》、《肥皂泡》 and 《爸爸教我动脑筋》. Through these chapters, they will learn how to summarize the content of the passage and conclude the central theme.



SPANISH

In the second half of the Winter/Spring term, the topic studied will be **¿Qué estudias?** – What are you learning?

Pupils will be learning vocabulary for School subjects (likes/dislikes), Days of the Week and Food and drink (snacks). Pupils will be asked to produce an online/paper poster about their Horario (timetable) and one on an imaginary School Menu in which they will be able to use food related vocabulary. This work will be presented to the rest of the class for peer-assessment, comparison and speaking practice.

We will finish spring term with a lesson about how Easter is celebrated in the Spanish speaking countries.

The websites to be used by pupils continue to be:

<http://www.Linguascope.com> (ask teacher for username and password)

<http://www.espanol-extra.co.uk/>

<http://www.aprender.org.uk/>

MUSIC

Pupils will be engaged in music activities linked to school and pastoral themes and the “Famous Inventors and Inventions” year group theme. They will play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, control and expression. They will improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the dimensions of music and listen and recall sounds with increasing aural memory. They will use musical notations and appreciate and understand a range of music from different traditions.

DRAMA

In Drama, pupils will continue their learning about the history and conventions of the Ancient Greek Theatre and will use the traditional conventions to rehearse and present their own version of a Greek tragedy in class.

ART

Year 6 will be exploring the theme of birds as they develop their observational drawing skills as they produce a selection of sketches in their sketchbook. They will develop their media handling skills as they produce a three-dimensional bird using papier mache. Pupils will then have the opportunity to colour and decorate their bird focusing on their use of line, shape and pattern.

PE



Pupils will develop movement skills whilst taking part in net games and striking & fielding activities. Pupils will take part in challenging situations and will improve their hand to eye co-ordination. Focus will be placed on improving striking techniques and tactical awareness for fielding and defending.

Pupils will also focus on communicating, collaborating and competing with each other. Pupils will be taught to review performances and be given opportunities to demonstrate improvements.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions. We look forward to an enjoyable and hard working half term.

Yours sincerely,

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