



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

September 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6, we are looking forward to working closely with you and your children over the coming year. Year 6 is always an exciting year and a time when pupils develop greater independence and responsibility and further develop the many skills required to move onto a subject specialist timetable in Year 7.

This letter aims to provide an indication of the content of the curriculum covered this term.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Year 6A have PE on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Year 6B have PE on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please can you ensure children come to school wearing their labeled hats.

ENGLISH

We will be focusing on story writing in the first term and will be developing skills in sentence and story structure, including the use of paragraphs. We will also be working separately on spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) skills. Children will learn to write speech effectively and correctly.

The children will take part in Guided Reading sessions where they will discuss a shared text with a group of students and their teacher. We will teach them higher order reading skills and be focusing on moving on from basic retrieval skills to inference and deduction.

Speaking and listening are key skills in Year 6 and we will be working on improving their clarity, fluency and confidence through a variety of media.

MATHS

We will start the year by looking at data handling skills, including teaching the mean, median, mode and range, graphing skills, and ratio and proportion. We will also cover units on place value to 6 digits and multiplying and dividing. We will reinforce addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods. As well as classifying, measuring and sorting shapes. We will also cover fractions, decimals and percentages.

THEME

The themes for the term are cross-curricular with many links between Science, Geography, ICT, Mathematics, Art and English.

Theme 1 - Picture of Me

Our first theme is called 'A Picture of Me' and we will be using this theme to get to know your children and have them get to know their new school. We will be collecting and exploring a range of information about ourselves such as our, heights, weights, nationalities and hobbies and use this data to build up fact files about ourselves.



The Science element of our 'Picture of Me' theme is about how we all came to be here. This will be discovered through our unit on Evolution. We will cover fossilization and the importance of the fossil record, offspring and how they are related to their parents, plant and animal adaptations (positive and negative aspects), extinction and survival of species' and how humans can impact on other life. We will also learn about classification of animals.

Theme - Geography and History

Our second theme of the term is particularly linked to Geography and is entitled "Our Wicked World.' Within this theme we will explore the amazing planetary forces that shape the world we live in today. We will take a close look at physical geography and discover how the earth's structure creates volcanoes, mountains, earthquakes and coastal formations. We will also learn about contour lines and how the different surfaces of our planet can be represented in different ways.

ICT and DT

We will use Google Sketchup to create cross-section diagrams and computer aided design. We will link this into our Wicked World theme.

PSCHE

'New Beginnings' This unit focuses on developing the children's self-awareness, empathy, motivation and social skills.

MANDARIN

Children will be following the "Picture of Me" theme in their Mandarin Lessons. Although Mandarin is streamed in to 3 groups all children will be taught skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. In Year 6 children will have focused lessons on reading comprehension, grammar for writing and speaking and listening.

Pathway 1 pupils will learn to introduce themselves in Mandarin, express their likes and dislikes and talk about their hobbies and interests. E.g. "你好！我叫xxx。我十岁，我上六年级。我很热爱运动，我很喜欢打羽毛球和游泳，每个星期天我都会跟家人一起打羽毛球，我有空的时候还会去跑步。在家里，我常常看一些中文故事书，因为我觉得中文很有趣"

Pathway 2 pupils will introduce themselves, talk about their hobbies and interests and discuss their likes and dislikes. They will learn how to talk about location and position by talking about places they have visited. Pupils will use this vocabulary to being to give simple presentations.

Pathway 3 pupils will describe a range of aspects of their life. They will write about themselves in depth using paragraphs. Pupils will give presentations and will listen to others present and learn skills of listening comprehension.

Mandarin Team



SPANISH

Pupils who are new to Spanish will learn to introduce themselves and ask and answer simple questions such as name, age, where they are from, and how someone is. They will learn vocabulary related to countries and nationalities, school subjects and likes and dislikes.

Pupils will learn regular and irregular foundation verbs. We will focus on pronunciation of the alphabet including vowels, consonants and diphthongs

Native Speakers will follow the theme of 'A Picture of Me' through advanced tasks in speaking, listening, reading and writing. *Mr. Lopez*

MUSIC

This half term we will be exploring the theme 'A Picture of Me' through a performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Gary Barlow's recent composition, Sing! Students will sing and perform both melody and harmony lines confidently in a large ensemble, using their voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression whilst developing their understanding of staff notation. *Miss Rowan*

ART

For the "Picture of Me" theme pupils will be developing their knowledge of shape, proportion and colour in order to create a self portrait inspired by the artist Modigliani.
Mrs Pate

PE

Pupils will be following a unit of speed/agility/quickness that will develop their fundamental sporting movements. Pupils will be able to make a connection between movements and major sporting activities and be able to transfer these skills across a wide range of sports.
PE Team

DRAMA

Year 6 are using basic physical theatre techniques to present their self-penned poems.
Miss. Bovingdon

We have had a positive start to the year so far and we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead. Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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