



Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter 2017

Welcome to Year 6! This half term, our value is COMMUNITY. I will be teaching Year 6 and Mrs Boyle will be teaching Science on Thursday. During Collective Worship we will be thinking about how we are part of our local and wider community. After half term our value will be PEACE.

English

This term we are exploring Ancient Greeks. Much of our work will be around 'The adventures of Odysseus'. We have started reading the prologue to understand the purpose of Odysseus journey. We are working towards creating our diary with our own characters and creatures by the end of half term. We are looking for as many opportunities as possible for writing in the curriculum.

After half term, we will be looking at a modern fairy tale 'The Princess' Blanket' written by Anne Carol Duffy. We will compare the elements of Greek myths with the fairy stories using 'The Princess Blanket' as our focus. By the end of half term, we will create our own version of 'The Princess' Blanket' fairy tale by developing our own characters and creatures.

Every day we will start our English lesson with specific areas of grammar and we will be linking them to our writing.

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record. Please, ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag.

Philosophy and PSHE

At Nutfield Church we encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect.

This year we will continue to teach Philosophy for Children to facilitate critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise this skill. In P.S.H.E we will use our school values as the basis of our work: focusing on Community, Peace, Wisdom, Hope, Dignity and Joy.

Maths

In Mathematics this half term we are concentrating on Number and Place Value. It is very important that children feel confident in their knowledge of numbers and their properties. Please feel free to come and speak to me if you need clarification on our methods of teaching some elements of Mathematics. This year we are also timetabling a daily session called Number Club. After lunch, the children have a 10 minute timestables test. To help them improve they should practise their times tables at home as much as possible. It is important that the children learn them 'off by heart' so that they can perform rapid recall of any question.

Science

Our Science topic is 'Animals including Humans'. The children will learn to identify the main part of the human circulatory system, to describe the functions of the blood, vessels and blood and to recognize the impact of diet and exercise on the human body.

Our aim is to apply our knowledge to some real animal organs to help us in our topic investigation. We hope to have the help of a secondary science teacher who will lead our investigation.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and will be tested on the following Thursday. Please help your child to learn their spellings. It is important that the children take pride in their homework and look after their book by keeping it safe and presenting all homework beautifully.

P.E

On Thursday afternoon the children will have P.E with Mr Smith. There will be another session of PE during the week. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/navy tracksuit bottoms and yellow T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. Year 6 children will take PE kit home on Friday to be cleaned and it will need to come back every Monday. P.E is a very important part of the curriculum and it is vital that the children bring in full kit. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know. Children will be required to remove earrings during P.E.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our main topic will be Ancient Greece. We will study Greece from both a historical and geographical perspective. We started by locating Greece on the map and its physical geographical features, such as rivers, mountains and cities.

As part of this term's topic, Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in a Greek workshop on the 12th October, where we will celebrate Greek culture.

Expressive Arts

In Art this term we will be improving on our drawing and painting skills. We will be linking Expressive Art to our Ancient Greek topic and we will sketch our own Greek vases. Also we will also be looking at the Artist - Leonardo da Vinci, Lichtenstein and Warhol.

Once a week, we will use music to express our feelings and to understand how some musicians express themselves through this art.

Uniform

Uniform should consist of grey trousers, shorts or skirt, a yellow polo shirt, a blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece, grey socks and dark coloured shoes or sandals (no open toes please). Jewellery should be minimal for health and safety reason. Hair clips and hair bands must be blue or navy to match the uniform.

PPA

On Thursday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will have Science lesson lead by Mrs Boyle followed by P.E led by Mr Smith.

RE

This term the children will be learning about the Buddhist way of life by comparing it to the Christian faith. We are visiting a Buddhist temple in Wimbledon on the 4th October.

After half term we will be learning about how Christmas is advertised.

Dates to remember

18-22 September: Year 6 residential.

3rd October: Harvest service at Christ Church, at 9.30 a.m

4th October: Visit to a Buddhist temple.

12th October: Greek morning. Please send children with a white oversized T-shirt.

28-30th November: Parents' evening.

19th December: Christmas service at Christ Church 9.30a.m

8th March: Ks2 SATS Meeting at 7 p.m

And finally...

Thank you very much for your support. We all know Year 6 is very a special year for our children. If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me to arrange an appointment.

Mrs Cox , Year 6.

