



Year 6 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 6! I hope everybody had a relaxing time over Christmas. I would like to thank you all for your thoughtful cards and gifts. This half term, our value is Wisdom and after half term our value will be Hope.

English

This term we are exploring two different books - 'Romeo and Juliet' by Shakespeare and 'The Princess Blanket' by Carol Ann Duffy. Both books explore the depths of human fears, frailty, and love. We will be writing letters of advice, news reports and biographies. By the end of Spring term, we will have created our own version of 'The Princess' Blanket' fairy tale by developing our own characters and creatures.

Every day we start our English lesson learning specific areas of grammar and we link 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 these are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag.

RE Understanding Faith in our Community

This term the children will be learning about how Faith has changed in Surrey. We will be looking at census information analyzing all the different religions across the county. To enhance our learning about changes in our local church, we are visiting Christ Church. After half term, we will also be studying the Easter Story in more detail and looking particularly at the individuals involved in the events leading up to the Crucifixion.

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). Jewelry should be minimal, for health and safety reason. Please check that all the items are labelled.

Maths

In Maths, this half term, we are concentrating on Number and Place Value, Fractions, Ratio and Proportion and Geometry. 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 Mathematics. Our daily session of Number Club has been fantastic and everybody has improved their timetables knowledge, using both multiplication and division. To help them improve further 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.

Expressive Arts

In Art this term we will be looking at sculpture and textiles. In our lessons we will learn skills through activities like Tudor weaving and sawing. Later in the term, we will also be looking at the artists: Lichtenstein, Warhol and Frida Kahlo.

P.E.

On **Friday** afternoon the children will have P.E. with Mr Smith. Please ensure children have the correct P.E. kit in school every day of the week. Correct kit is as follows: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, yellow T-shirts, socks and trainers. All items should be named and taken home at the weekend. In winter, due to the cold weather, the children should wear blue or black tracksuit bottoms.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our main topic will be the Tudors. We will study the changes in England in this historical period and how Henry VIII influenced European politics.

In Geography, the children will extend their knowledge and understanding beyond the local area to include the United Kingdom and Europe, North and South America. This will include the location and characteristics of a range of the world's most significant human and physical features. They will develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their place knowledge.

Philosophy and P.S.H.E.

At Nutfield Church Primary School we are encouraging 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 to provide opportunities for children to practice this skill. In P.S.H.E. we will explore meaning of extremism in a range of ideas and its consequences.

PPA

On Friday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will have an art session led by Mrs Lane followed by P.E led by Mr Smith.

Science

Our Science topic is 'Living things and understanding of Habitat'. Children will learn how to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will also study the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

After half term our topic will be 'Electricity'. We will consolidate the children's knowledge of materials which are electrical conductors, extend their understanding of ways in which the brightness of bulbs or speed of motors in a circuit can be changed and develop children's understanding of the value of using conventional symbols for communication. The children will carry out a complete investigation relating to electric circuits.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Friday and **must be handed back in by the following Thursday to be checked**. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested 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 safely.

Dates for your diary:

- 14.1.19 - After school clubs letter slip back
- 21.1.19 - After school clubs starts
- 31.1.19 - PTFA Disco - 5.15 - 6.15pm
- 8.2.19-PTFA quiz night- 7.30 pm
- 18.2.19-22.2.19-Half Term
- 1.3.19- St David's Day- St David team to wear yellow t-shirt
- 4.3.19 to 8.3.19-Book Week
- 7.3.19-Dress up day-World Book Day- Dress as your favourite book character.
- 20.3.19_ Year 6 Collective Worship - 9.05am
- 18.3.19-St Patrick's day-St Patrick's team to wear green.
- 26.3.19, 27.3.19 and 28.3.19 - Parents' Evenings 3.30-6pm
- 29.3.19-PTFA Easter Egg Hunt.
- 5.4.19-Easter Service at Christ Church 1.30 pm
- 5.4.19-Last day of Spring Term.

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 questions or concerns please feel free to catch me 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 Class Teacher