

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



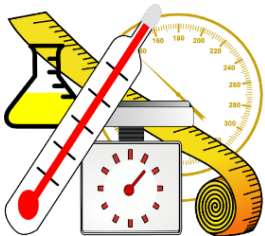
Year 6 Spring 2023 Newsletter



Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you have been able to have a lovely Christmas break and that you and your families managed to enjoy some special times together. Mrs. Zenonos, Miss Stayt and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we received. Thank you also, for your ongoing support with your children's learning. As we enter this new term, I hope that this newsletter will be helpful in building a picture of some of the exciting learning we will be doing.

English

In English, we will begin by looking at **report writing** through the study of the brilliant book, '*Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You*'. We will also continue to develop our narrative writing skills through a **fiction genres** unit. In addition, we will be developing our vocabulary building skills through **poetry**. **Grammar** skills will continue to be incorporated into the teaching of writing and regular whole class **Guided Reading** and **spelling** sessions will run alongside the English lessons

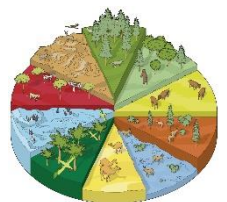


Maths

In Maths this term, we will be covering the following topics: area, properties of shape; the order of operations and algebra; long division; perimeter; angles; multiplying & dividing fractions; ratio & proportion and volume & measures. Additional short **Maths Fluency** sessions will continue alongside the main lessons. You can continue to support your child at home by encouraging them to regularly practise their multiplication facts or by using revision books for additional practice on topics they may have found more tricky (further information to follow soon on these).

Science

Our Science unit this term is **Living Things & Their Habitats**. Links will be made with our English unit on the Spiderwick Field Guide and our Geography topic on North America.



Geography & History Topics

This term in Geography, the children will become 'Explorers' as we find out all about **North America**. In this topic, we will be learning about the countries that make up the continent and finding out more about the physical and human geography of the region. We will also be developing our map skills.

In the second half-term, we will remain in the same part of the world, but will travel back in time as we find out all about the ancient **Mayan Civilization** through our History topic.



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Religious Education

In RE we continue to follow our scheme, *The Emmanuel Project*, which generated some excellent thinking and discussion from the children last term. This term, we focus on the religions of **Hinduism** and **Christianity**. In the first half-term, we will explore how fundamental beliefs within Hinduism affect the way Hindus live their lives. In the second half-term we focus on exploring the idea of the trinity within Christianity.

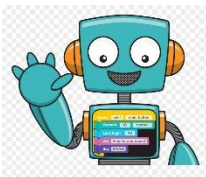


Art & Design & Technology

In the first half-term, we will be investigating '**More Complex Switches**' within our D&T project. Our Art project in the second half-term will have a focus on **Mayan Art**, linking in with our History topic.

Physical Education & Relationships and Health Education

Mrs. Small will continue to teach PE & RHE this term. PE will take place on **Wednesday** and **Friday** each week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. (Mrs. Small will share more information with the children relating to PE units on their return to school). For RHE, we continue to follow the *Jigsaw* scheme. Our first unit is entitled '*Dreams and Goals*' and our second is '*Healthy Me*'.



Computing

This term, we begin with a focus on **Spreadsheets** before moving on to a **Quizzing** unit later in the term. We follow the *Purple Mash* scheme for Computing.

Music & French

In Music, we follow an excellent scheme called *Charanga*. We will start with some '**Classroom Jazz**' before moving on to a unit called '**You've Got a Friend**'.

In French, the children continue to enjoy lessons with our expert French speaker, Mrs Daniell. Learning takes place through a combination of oral practice, written activities, games and songs.



Further information

Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly at home**. This is essential for supporting their learning and progress across the whole curriculum. In Year 6, children may read to themselves when confident, but in many cases it can be very helpful for them to continue to keep reading out loud too. If you hear your child read or observe them reading to themselves, it would be helpful if you could initial a record of this in their planner. Spelling & Maths homework tasks will continue to be set via **Microsoft Teams** on a Thursday and should be handed in by Tuesday. Occasionally, one of these tasks may be replaced by a homework task for another subject.

Children will continue to need a **named water bottle** in school each day. They may also wish to bring a healthy snack for break-times. We are looking forward to a brilliant term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

Miss Broomfield (Year 6 Teacher) Mrs Zenonos & Ms Stayt (Teaching Assistants)

