



Together We Can
Spring Term 2021 Newsletter
YEAR: 6

Dear Parents

Despite the less than ideal start to the year, we are amazed and encouraged by how fantastic and mature the children have been towards their learning. It is really wonderful seeing them adapt so well to online learning and how they have taken ownership of their learning, and help each other.

Last term the pupils showed us their great leadership skills, as well as entrepreneurial skills when it came to fundraising and raising awareness for those less fortunate. Around the school they were great role models who were always eager to help. We are sure that they will continue to be just as mature and remember to show each other the kindness and generosity of spirit that we have come to expect from them

This term we will be looking at Evolution, through adventure stories, newspaper reports and the poetry. We will be exploring the current effects on our climate and how we can raise awareness in making changes within our local community. In the current situation, wellbeing will also be a focus.

Alongside their topic, we will also continue to focus on basic skills in English and Maths and encourage the children to read as much as possible. Please ensure they are reading at least half an hour a day, and a variety of books. There is a current reading list on Google Classroom that has books we will be using in lessons

Let's hope we can all have a fantastic term, full of good health.

All the best

Mrs Phillips & Mrs Winters

TIMETABLE

P.E. DAYS

HOMEWORK DUE IN

Monday

**ADD ANY OTHER KEY DATES
FOR THE WEEK**

N/A

EXPECTATIONS FOR READING



Each day the pupils will be expected to read for 30 minutes minimum at home. In class, they will have numerous opportunities for reading for pleasure, as well as daily half hour reading lessons. During these lessons we will focus on the understanding of the text, discussing our thoughts and ideas about story and character development, and then a focus on vocabulary, inference, predictions, retrieving information and sequencing and summarising what we have read. As we are in Year 6, we will also focus on understanding and answering SATs level questions.

It is vital all pupils read a variety of genres and text types as it has a huge impact on their writing and speaking.

Our objectives for this term are as follows:

1. I can identify the features and structures of a complex narrative.
2. I can identify and discuss the principal features of different narratives
3. I can evaluate the author's use of language and impact on the reader.

Books to read and share with your child

Neil Gaiman The Graveyard Book

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick

The Boy in the Tower

Survivors - Short Stories

EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING

Writing in Year 6 covers a wide range of genres related to the text types in reading. We expect all pupils to present their work as stated in the policy and in their neatest writing. All pupils have the chance to gain a pen licence, which is given when a consistency in neatness and use of correct spelling grammar is shown. We look for many writing opportunities throughout our topics, and the expectations for outcomes is the same as within the English lessons.

Reading a wide range of genres is vital in the writing outcomes from the pupils as it expands their knowledge and vocabulary.

Our objectives this term are as follows:

1. I can write an extended narrative.
2. I can write a script for a radio news report
3. I can write a poem about current events
4. I can write a balanced discussion
5. I can write sentences in a particular style to suit the genre.
6. I can identify features of news reporting
7. I can use effective layout devices



ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S WRITING

Keep a weekly
journal

Write reviews on
books they are
reading

Discuss the news/
current events

Practise spellings
from Year 3/4, 5/6
lists

EXPECTATIONS FOR MATHS



USEFUL WEBSITES TO SUPPORT LEARNING

[https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
Search.aspx?](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3)

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[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/
subjects/z826n39](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Children also have logins for the following which use games and interactive activities to support learning in maths:

Mathletics, Purple Mash,

Times Table Rockstars and Busy Things

These expectations are only for the Spring term for the maths topics of Percentages, Ratio, Algebra and Measurements and Problem Solving. You will be given further objectives in the Summer Term and can refer back to objectives already covered in the Autumn Term.

I can recall and use equivalences between simple fractions and percentages
I can solve problems involving the relative size of two quantities
I can solve problems involving the calculation of percentages
I can solve problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found
I can solve problems involving unequal sharing and grouping
I can express missing number problems algebraically
I can use simple formulae
I can generate and describe linear number sequences
I can find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns
I can enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables
I can calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes
I recognise that shapes with the same areas can have different perimeters and vice versa
I can calculate the areas of parallelograms and triangles
I can use, read, write and convert between standard units
I can measure using negative numbers
I recognise when it is possible to use the formulae for the area of shapes
I can solve measuring problems
I can read scales with un-numbered divisions accurately
I can convert miles to km and vice versa
I can solve money problems in pounds and pence
I can calculate, estimate and compare volume
I recognise when it is possible to use the formulae for the volume of shapes

WIDER CURRICULUM

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/
newsround/43793769](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/43793769)

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=-
s5iCoCaofc&safe=active](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-s5iCoCaofc&safe=active)

ACTIVITIES TO USE WITH YOUR CHILD

In Science we are learning about Evolution and Inheritance and encourage you to talk to the children about characteristics that they have in common with you and any variations that they have.

We will be completing our history topic about the Vikings and also taking part in an art competition with the Royal Academy.