

# 'Everyone valued, everyone challenged, everyone achieving'

## English



**Writing** - In Autumn 1, our English units will mainly link with Ancient Greece. We will be:

- Reading a range of Greek myths and identify the features found in myths;
- Writing our own myth involving natural phenomena, gods and fantasy creatures.

In Autumn 2, our English Unit will be linked to Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. We will:

- Write our own creative version of the story using a range of punctuation, ambitious vocabulary and different sentence structures.

**Reading** - Our focus text in Autumn 1 is the great action novel 'Stormbreaker', written by Anthony Horowitz. In Autumn 2, we will read 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio.

During Guided Reading the children will:

- Develop fluency by exploring different reading strategies;
- Improve their comprehension skills using Reciprocal Reading to deepen understanding.

## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2018/19

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Year 6 is the final year at Essex Primary School. This year is extremely important. As well as enjoying a broad range of topics, children will complete their end of Key Stage Two assessments and prepare for the transition to secondary school, the next, exciting chapter in their lives.

We continue to thank parents for your partnership with our school and your involvement in your child's learning. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

## Computing



We will start the year looking at online safety. We will explore different scenarios and provide strategies, rules and set boundaries to stay safe. Throughout the year we will continue to monitor and safeguard our pupils from potential danger.



Please remember to make sure your child has their PE kit on a Monday they will take it home to wash on a Friday.

## Maths

In Maths we will aim to master:

- Number and place value;
- Addition and subtraction;
- Multiplication and division;
- A range of problem solving tasks

## Science

Our first topic is 'Living things and their habitat'. We will learn to:

- Describe how living things are classified into broad groups
- Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Our second topic will be 'Electricity'. We will explore:

- Different components by constructing simple circuits
- Experiment with components
- Learn to use symbols.



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## R.E/PSHE



**R.E.** - We will learn about how different religions and world views create celebrations.  
**PSHE** - The topic 'New Beginnings' offers children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community, and how to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all.

## Enterprise Week

In Autumn 2, we will take part in a creative project called the Enterprise week where our children will become more entrepreneurial. We will design and make an item to sell at our Winter Bazaar, Winter Wonderland.



## Art/Music



**Art**-We will make some beautiful Ancient Greek vases.  
**Music** - We will learn to play tuned and un-tuned instruments accurately by reading and playing musical notation.

## Home Learning

In Year 6, we will set homework mostly on Google classroom as well as in homework books. Homework will help your child retain information taught in the classroom as well as increasing their general understanding of concepts taught.

**English** - Homework will relate to the unit of work for that week. We expect a high standard of writing, the same as we would expect in a lesson.

**Maths** - Activities given will be based on the unit of work taught that week.

**Topic**- Work set will prepare them for the next lessons.

**Reading** -For the children to progress in their reading, we **expect** them to read daily. Please write a short comment in their reading log to communicate to us how they are reading at home.

**Spellings** - Weekly spellings should be practiced at home daily using the Look, Read, Cover, Write and Check strategy.

**Speak Up!** - A poem will be given to be learned off by heart at the beginning of each half term. These will be performed in an assembly each half term.

## Geography



**Geography** - Our topic will be about Fairtrade. Children will:

- Gain understanding of where Fairtrade products are grown.
- Begin to understand the complexity of fair trading
- Learn about how it is connected both locally and globally
- Deepen their idea's of fairness and equality

We will make exciting links to chocolate so that children can make good connection to topic!

## Educational Visits

To start the academic year positively we have arranged for the children to go to a residential visit to Fair Play House where they will get to know each other and team build through a range of fun outdoor activities. It will be an experience they will never forget!

In December, children will have the fantastic educational and cultural opportunity to experience the magic of theatre while simultaneously developing their learning in literacy, literature, creativity, issue-based learning and citizenship.