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English

Writing - English units will mainly link with focus texts 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman and 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. We will be:

- Learning how to express ourselves using informal and formal language;
- Writing diary entries, formal letters, theatre reviews, newspaper reports, ghost stories, poems, science reports and non-chronological reports;
- Learning how to use cohesive devices across paragraphs including adverbials;
- Using brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis.

Reading - During Guided Reading the children will focus on:

- Developing different reading strategies;
- Improving their comprehension skills using Reciprocal Reading to deepen understanding.

They will be taught to:

- Provide evidence from the text;
- Make sensible predictions;
- Clarify meanings;
- Summarise text.

Speak Up! - We are continuing to promote Standard English in both speaking and writing.



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2016/17

Mrs. James (YGL) -6J

Ms. Musa - 6M

Ms. Smyth - 6S

Ms. Simmons - 6R



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

Computing



Children learn the steps to create a simple times table quiz using Scratch.

Children will learn how to ICT skills will also be included within all subjects.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will aim to master:

- Fractions and percentages;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Angles;
- Circles Coordinates
- Translation and Reflection
- Pie charts;
- Line Graphs;
- Mean;
- Algebra;
- Area, perimeter and volume;
- 2d and 3d shape.

Science

Animals including humans: we will be learning about the circulatory system. We will learn to describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood and recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on our bodies. Light: studying concepts of how we see, how light travelling in straight lines and how shadows are formed.

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) will take place during this term, A meeting for parents will be organised beforehand.

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R.E/PSHE



R.E. - Work in this unit will enable pupils to focus on different accounts of the resurrection stories found in the gospels in the New Testament, and allow pupils to explore what took place.

PSHE - Our topic will be 'Going for Goals'.



6J - Monday/Tuesday

6R - Monday/Tuesday

6M - Wednesday/Thursday

6S - Wednesday/Thursday

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

Art

Art - We will investigate the artwork of Claude Monet to:

- learn about the ideas of Impressionism
- engage in watercolour work in response to Monet's paintings of water lilies

Home Learning

Homework is a continuation of school work at home and is a great opportunity for your child to practice the skills they have learnt.

Reading - For the children to progress in their reading, they need to read aloud 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 Read, Write, Look, Cover, Check strategy.

English - Please check your child's homework book. 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 are given based on the unit of work taught that week and is set on the Mathletics website.

Website: www.mathletics.co.uk

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.



Assessments

The children will sit the Standard Attainment Tests (SATS) for reading, grammar, spelling and punctuation and mathematics in May. Teaching and learning will be personalised to ensure that every child has the received appropriate support to do their best. Some children need to attend booster classes/after-school clubs and Saturday School. There will be an information meeting for parents in January. After the SATs the children will be assessed in writing and science by their teachers. Mock SATs week will be: 30th January - 3rd February. Revision books will be available to purchase at a reduced price from the school to support your child's studies.

Educational Visits

In January, we will visit Stratford Circus to see Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare as part of Newham's initiative Every Child a Theatre Goer. This is a fantastic educational and cultural opportunity for children, who will experience the magic of theatre while simultaneously developing their learning in literacy, literature, creativity, issue-based learning and citizenship.