

An Academy School

Aim High, Learn Together, Feel Proud!

Headteacher: Mr. Tatters B.Ed(Hons), M.Ed, NPQH, PGCPSE(Open)

Date: 13/01/2023

Year 6 Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Welcome to Spring Term

A warm welcome back to school, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for the new, exhilarating term ahead. The children have completed their first term in Year 6 and have had a mock SATs week highlighting specific areas they would need to improve on this term. It is our aim to ensure that they each achieve this and continue to excel beyond their own expectations! In addition to this, we are here to help, push, and support the children as they grow emotionally ready for the expectations of Secondary School; through clear, fair and essential expectations from day one. This will be a team effort between home and the Year 6 team.

As a reminder, the Year 6 team this year is:

Falcon Class: Teacher - Mrs Simpson - s.simpson@westbrookprimary.co.uk

Harrier Class: Teacher - Mr Maynard - a.maynard@westbrookprimary.co.uk

Kestrel Class: Teacher - Mrs Duong - a.duong@westbrookprimary.co.uk

Year 6 LSAs: Mrs Petruk, Mrs Chana & Mrs Jan

English

This term, year 6 will be focusing on the following writing genres: diary entries, narratives, formal letters, war poetry, balanced arguments and short stories. Our key text for this term is 'Skellig'. We would like to encourage all parents to read this text (the book is widely available in all libraries) with their children but do not read the whole text as this will interfere with the reading we do in class.

Where possible, please expose your children to a range of poetry and formal texts, such as newspapers, information brochures etc.

Spellings will include Year 3/4/5 and 6 words as well as other words - the year 3/4/5 and 6 words can be found at the back of their homework diaries. Daily practice will ensure your child feels confident when using them.

Reading: Here at Westbrook Primary we encourage all children to read every day, this will not only help your child at secondary school but also ensure that they are confident to use this vital skill in their adult lives. Each child has been issued with a reading book within a wallet. This year we are using the app 'Boom Reader' for parents to record all the reading that is undertaken at home. Each child has been given login in details and a leaflet explaining how it all works. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** that all parents download the 'Boom Reader' app. In Year 6, we encourage reading with an adult every evening for approximately 20 minutes. When reading with your child ask them questions about what they have read to ensure understanding. After reading, please ensure to make a record on the 'Boom Reader' app. If the book is finished, click the book completed button to notify the class teacher.

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Maths

Year 6 will continue following Maths Mastery to continue the development of skills taught in previous years. We will be securing fundamental knowledge in Coordinates and shapes, Fractions and Decimals and Measure. This will include the following areas: drawing and describing a range of geometric shapes, constructing and recognising 3-

D shapes, Multiplying and Dividing fractions, using a variety of measures and converting between standard units of measures and calculating and estimating area, perimeter and volume of shapes. Please remember to encourage your children to play the 'Times Tables Rockstar' game at home to boost their confidence and speed when using multiplication and division. Children's accounts are ready to use and they are all able to access their account.

The app version is now available to download on Apple and Android products.

6) Coordinates and shapes (10 lessons)

- Draw a range of geometric shapes using given dimensions and angles
- Describe, draw, translate and reflect shapes on a co-ordinate plane
- Recognise and construct 3-D shapes
- Name and illustrate parts of a circle

7) Fractions (5 lessons)

- Represent multiplication involving fractions
- Multiply two proper fractions
- Divide a fraction by an integer

8) Decimals and measure (15 lessons)

- Use, read, write and convert between standard units of measures; length, mass, time, money and volume as well as imperial units
- Calculate the area of parallelograms and triangles
- Calculate, estimate and compare the volume of cuboids

Westbrook Wonder World:

Our Westbrook Wonder World Curriculum below will alternate every half term between geography and history as well as art and design technology. Spring term units are outlined below:

In **History**, we'll be looking at Ancient Greece and finding out what the Ancient Greeks did for us.

In **Geography**, we'll be looking at South America: The Amazon and answering what is life like in The Amazon?

In **Art/DT**, we'll be looking at Expressing Yourself (Art) and Birdhouses (DT)

In **Science**, we'll be looking at Classification of Living Things and Electricity.

In **French**, we'll be looking at Verbs, Grammar and The Planets.

In **Computing**, we'll be looking at Creating Media: History of Computers.

In **Music**, we'll be listening & Appraising 'A New Year Carol' (The music of Benjamin Britten) using glockenspiels and/or recorders. Please have a look at musical vocabulary with your children so that they can familiarise themselves with new words.

In **RE**, we'll be looking at Beliefs and Practices in Christianity (Is anything ever eternal?) & Easter (Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?)

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In **PSHE**, we will be focusing on 'Dreams and Goals'.

Home-Learning

This will continue on **Google Classroom** for **Big Talk, Weekly Spelling Sentences and Topic**. No paper copies will be given out unless it is extenuating circumstances. However the bulk of our Home Learning for **English (Reading/Writing/SPAG) and Maths** will be from our **CGP Revision Books** which pupils will receive from their teachers.

Monday: Reading (daily)

Tuesday: Spellings (tested either later that week or the following week - class teachers will inform their own class)

Thursday: Big Talk due in Friday

Friday: Westbrook Wonder World based projects or research (given every two weeks)

P.E Days:

Falcon: Tuesday & Thursday (outdoor)

Kestrel: Wednesday & Thursday (outdoor)

Harrier: Thursday & Friday (outdoor)

Please ensure your child brings their PE kits into school on their PE days. They will change at the beginning of the lesson and back into school uniform at the end of the lesson.

Brooklands Museum Trip Dates

We will be visiting **Brooklands Museum** in February, so please be reminded to pay for the trip on the school gateway.

Falcon Class - 8th February

Harrier Class 6th February

Kestrel Class - 10th February

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team: Mrs Simpson, Mr Maynard & Mrs Duong



