

Y6- Autumn (2) Newsletter

Where did last half term go? Now we're on the countdown until Christmas! All children have made a fabulous start in Year Six and have really 'upped their game' to meet the high standard that the new curriculum has brought. It was lovely to meet you all at parents' evening last half term and I look forward to the next parents' meeting.

English

This half term, we will be looking further into different grammatical techniques used in writing. These include: subjunctive mood, passive and active voice and the use of formal and informal language.

We will also be developing our use of punctuation by looking at how to use colons and semi-colons

We will be developing our writing further this half term making sure that we can use Y6 standard grammar in our writing.

Mathematics

We will be exploring fractions this half term. This will include finding fractions of numbers and shapes, equivalent fractions, comparing fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. We will also look at fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents and how to apply our knowledge to word problems. We will also be carrying our investigations about negative numbers.

Science and Foundation Subjects

In science, we will be finishing off our learning on Evolution by exploring how different animals have adapted over time and investigating possible reasons for evolution. We will end our topic in a creative way by exploring how humans could evolve further in the future due to changing environmental circumstances.

We will be continuing with our WW2 topic. We will be looking at original historical sources from the war in order to investigate different areas. We will also be looking into shelters used during the war, rationing, spies and Anne Frank.

Finally, we will start our D and T project next week: cross-stitch! We won't tell you any more, as it is a surprise, but wish us luck- we might need it!

Homework

Children are starting to get into good habits with homework. Remember that reading five times per week is part of their homework. This needs signed **by a parent**, not the child, in their reading journal. Remember to ask your child to read to you, as well as themselves. This really does help their reading and makes them think carefully about new words and punctuation. I will continue to monitor homework closely; if a child misses any homework for three weeks (this includes reading), yellow stickers will be given. WLA do expect all homework to be completed and handed in on time- now is the time to embed these good habits into our Y6s making the change less of a shock.

It was lovely to hear some parents asking for advice on how to further help their children at home. Making sure all homework is completed weekly will definitely help. However, we do subscribe to lots of resources as a school to help children along with their learning. There is no reason why they couldn't continue to use these subscriptions at home if they wanted to do a little bit extra. More information is provided on the back of this newsletter.