

Year 6 Newsletter



Spring 1 This half-term we will be completing our Rivers work and learning all about The Shang Dynasty

English

We will be writing a range of genres using our history and geography topics as stimuli. These will include:

- An explanation text about Chinese New Year
- A setting based on the Amazon river
- A character description of Di Xin
- A persuasive letter related to magistrates court
- A discussion text about hydroelectricity
- A narrative about a river journey

SPaG – we will be learning about subject/object of sentences and about passive/active voice. Children will be revising their knowledge of prepositions and determiners

Maths

The children will be doing lots of reasoning work to keep on top of their four operations skills.

Decimals – we will:

- Identify the value of each digit in numbers given to 3 decimal places and multiply numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 giving answers up to 3 decimal places.
- Multiply one-digit numbers with up to 2 decimal places by whole numbers.
- Use written division methods in cases where the answer has up to 2 decimal places.
- Solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy.
- We will gain better understanding of the relationship between decimals, fractions and percentages

Geography

What is a river?

The children will work on their locational knowledge – recognising where key places and features are in the World and learn about human and physical geography – recognising topographical features and how they were formed.

We will venture outdoors to work on our geographical skills and carry out fieldwork – using a range of resources and local studies

Science

Living things and their Habitats – CLASSIFICATION. Children will explore the history of classification and understand how animals, plants and micro-organisms can be divided into groups, according to common observable characteristics. They will use and devise classification keys for living things, giving reasons for why animals and plants belong in particular groups.

Other Subjects

This half-term our PE will be on Thursday and Friday. We will be doing golf and gymnastics.

Computing – Use sequences, repetition, inputs, variables and outputs in programs.

French – Useful French vocabulary

Art – Chinese ink art

RE – Salvation

PSHE – Dreams and goals

Notable dates

Wednesday 16th January – Police Workshop

Friday 18th January – Library visit

Thursday 24th January – Magistrates Court visit