

# Year 6 Newsletter



## Term 2 (2022/2023)

### News

Welcome back after our two-week half term. We look forward to continuing to see all pupils grow in confidence and knowledge in the run up to Christmas, with some children consolidating their new roles as Playleaders and Counsellors.

Parent Consultation evenings will be held in person, or via Zoom, on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th November, 2022.

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### Our PUPAC values

**Passion**



**Urgency**



**Positivity**



**Aspiration**



**Commitment**



### Reading



This term, we will continue developing our fluency in reading through controlled reading and will focus on particular sections of text to deepen our understanding. We will continue reading *Mortal Engines* by Phillip Reeve.

### Writing

This term, we will be continuing to apply our grammar knowledge to write a recount. The purpose of a recount is to tell our audience about something, giving an account of an event or experience. When writing our independent piece, we will be using our understanding of our reading text, *Mortal Engines*, to tell our audience how it felt to be Tom when Valentine pushed him off the traction city of London. When we finish our recounts, we will be starting a new unit on narrative writing, recapping our understanding of direct speech and learning new grammatical skills, such as colloquialism.

### Maths

This term in maths, we will be primarily focusing on shape. To begin with, we will be reviewing children's knowledge of perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes.

Following on from this unit, we will then explore translation of shapes using grids and coordinates.

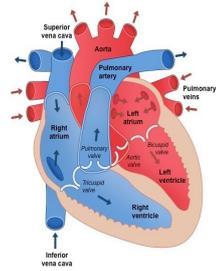
To finish this term, we will be investigating angles, lines of symmetry and the properties of shapes. With this knowledge the children will then be able to draw, measure and estimate a variety of angles.

At home, the best way to help your child improve their maths fluency is to practise their tables with them. Knowing their tables will make so much of the arithmetic we do much simpler!



## Science

This term, we are learning about the circulatory system. The children will learn about how and why blood travels around our bodies and how the heart works. They will also complete an investigation to see how different levels of activity affect our heart rate.



## Physical Education (PE)

P.E. will continue to be held on Wednesdays this term. Children will still be expected to come into school dressed in their PE kits, which should include their school jumper or cardigan.

This term, we will be learning the Maori war dance, the Haka. Children will working in teams to learn the 24-step sequence as well as recite the chant. The module will end in a Haka 'face-off' with teams performing their innovated dance against each other.

## Spanish



The children will practise using speaking, listening, reading and writing using language studied last term about life at school. They will then start learning vocabulary and structures to discuss their weekends.

## History

Our history unit will continue to look at the causes and effects of World War Two, with a particular focus on the Jewish persecution and the conditions in Germany which led to Hitler's rise to power. At the end of the term, the children will be writing an essay to demonstrate their understanding.

## Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

PSHE this term will focus on self-image and the role that the media can play in shaping this. We will also be looking at how we can stay safe online.



## Art

Our art lessons this term will focus on furthering the children's understanding of colour. We will be looking at Pablo Picasso and Barbara Kruger and the children will be creating their own compositions based on these artists.



## Music

In music, we will be listening to a wide range of musical styles. We will learn to sing various songs and use the glockenspiel to accompany them. At the end of the unit, we will prepare a piece to perform to a small audience.



## Homework

Weekly homework will be set on Fridays and collected in on the following Wednesday. In year 6, it is expected that pupils will take ownership of their own learning and will practise their times tables and reading each day.

