

Year 6 Newsletter

Term 5 — 2022/2023



News

A massive welcome back after our Easter break. We look forward seeing all our pupils flourish in their last few weeks of primary school.

SATs week will take place from 8th May 2023. However, due to the Coronation Bank Holiday, assessments will run from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th this year. Further information will follow.

If you wish to contact us, please email via office@telscombecliffsacademy.org.

Our PUPAC Values

Passion



Urgency



Positivity



Aspiration



Commitment



Reading

This term, we will focus on building the children's comprehension skills. Starting with retrieval (finding specific answers in the text), we will move on to inference (making informed deductions based upon what has been read) towards the end of the term.

Our key text, *Mortal Engines*, will continue to be read by the children every week.



Maths

This term, we will continue to look at developing our reasoning skills. We will be solving problems across the four operations, focusing on two-step problems.

In addition to this, we will be revising key concepts (such as: number sequences, measures and fractions, decimals and percentages).

While this will be a busy term, we know that the pupils will continue to work hard and rise to the occasion!

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables as often as possible. Using Times Table Rock Stars is a great way to do this.

Knowing times tables fact is a fundamental skill, making it quicker and easier for children to solve questions.



Writing

This term, we will explore a variety of persuasive letters. Once the children have immersed themselves in a range of examples, we will investigate key vocabulary, features and persuasive techniques such as exaggeration, flattery, emotive language and rhetorical questions.

The children will then innovate a letter to our headteacher requesting the removal of school uniform, before independently writing their own.

Science

In science this term, we will be studying electricity and how it is used within nature and the home. We will be focusing on the question "How does the voltage of cells affect the brightness of a bulb?" We will use fair testing to seek an answer for this question.



History

In history, we will be considering some of the causes and effects of the Russian Revolution. Beginning with an exploration of Karl Marx and Communism, we will move on to study the demise of the Romanovs and the ascendance of the Provisional Government. Finally, we will look at the rise of the Bolsheviks - under Lenin - and the power-play between Trotsky and Stalin after his death.

Art

This term, we will be studying sculpture through the medium of papier mâché. To start the unit, the children will be introduced to a range of masks from around the globe, before looking at the properties and uses of papier mâché.

We will look at the work of renowned British, modernist sculptor, Barbara Hepworth and then go on to create our own mask.

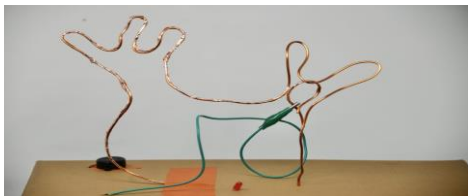


PE

This term, the children will be participating in athletics. They will build on their running, jumping and throwing skills in preparation for this year's sports day.



DT



In DT this term, we are learning about electrical systems through making a steady hand game. Pupils will decide how to make the form and function of their game most effective by making an interesting design.

PSHE

This term in PSHE, we will answer the question 'How do friendships change as we grow?' We will be looking at different types of relationships we may have (friend, family, acquaintance, for example), what makes a relationship healthy and how to deal with changes in friendships.



Spanish

In Spanish, we will be starting a new topic: 'Me in My World'. In this unit, the children will learn how to say their name, where they live and how old they are.



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 read and practise their times tables daily. The children have access to School Online, Times Table Rock Stars and Complete Maths Tutor to support them at home.

