

YEAR SIX HOME LEARNING

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Reading

For Reading in Year 6, we take a broad approach as follows:

- We have timetabled "Book Talk" sessions (as children are familiar with from Year 5) where students work in groups to read a text together under adult guidance but with increasing independence. These texts will usually stay in school but at times children may bring them home to read a specific number of pages prior to the next Book Talk session.
- Students are expected to read their own reading book for at least 20-30 minutes at home each day. They will also have opportunities in school most days to read, so need to bring this book into school each day. Staff will have regular conversations about what children are reading, with our aim to inspire children to read more and more widely and to develop their love of reading. A top tip is to make sure this book is in your child's bag at the end of each day so they don't forget it.
- Please do continue to read to and with your child. However fluent they are in reading, they will benefit hugely from daily reading with an adult. This can be fun and if your child is reluctant, I would encourage you to choose a book that is new to both of you and read it to them, enjoying it alongside them. If you need any ideas of books, please see the suggested reading list on the Year 6 web page which has been designed specifically for children in upper Key Stage 2 or talk to me about recommendations.

Spelling

This year we will have a broad approach to learning spelling. We will have some dedicated spelling lessons which use the **Read, Write, Inc.** spelling programme. Children will also build up a personal spelling list, composed of words they have mis-spelt in their own writing which they will bring home to practise – please do work with them on these words as they are often "easy" words that children need to get right. We will also look at the Year 5/6 spelling words which can be found on the website and also continue to practise the Year 3/4 spelling words. To support your child, we recommend you spend time going through the Year 5/6 words with them to ensure they understand the meaning and spelling of these challenging 'rule-breakers'. It is important to read these words by sight also. If you have any questions about this, please speak to us and we will endeavour to support you with any queries you may have.

Maths

Our aim in Maths is that pupils become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, as



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set out in the National Curriculum.

This highlights the importance of children knowing the key mathematical facts and methods and being able to recall them efficiently, and supports their progress in maths, enabling them to apply their knowledge to rapidly and accurately solve problems.

As in previous years, your child has access to Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars which are both excellent resources. It is essential that children are fluent in their times tables and related division facts (so understanding that $3 \times 4 = 12$ but also that $12 \div 3 = 4$). Although many children are very good at this already, do encourage them to keep practising, particularly the division facts as these are often mastered later, and if they are rusty or still find some tricky, please encourage regular use of TT Rockstars.

Home learning Topic Tasks:

These are set each half term and shared on the first Friday back after a holiday. Children are encouraged to be as creative as they like. Show us what you have learned by making, writing, drawing or using technology – feel free to focus on any aspect of these topics that you wish.

Autumn 1

Geography: Mountains (which will include work on volcanos and earthquakes)

Science: Living Things (Classification of plants and animals)

Computing: E-safety; Coding using Microbit Make Code

RE: Words of Wisdom

This will be shared in class on Friday 3rd November 2023.

Autumn 2

History: World War II

Science: The Human Body, focusing on the different systems such as the circulatory system

RE: What does it mean to be Christian?

This will be shared in class on Friday 12th January 2023.