

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. We hope that you and your family had a lovely summer break and that the children are excited to be back at school in year 6 (Martin Luther King Jr Class). We are very much looking forward to working with your child and I personally look forward to getting to know you all!

The Year 6 team: Mr Nicholson will be teaching the class with TA support from Miss Hannah and Miss Amanda, as well as Mrs Bingham teaching the class on a Friday afternoon.

This is what we have planned for the first half term:

Maths: We will build upon, extend and reinforce work covered in previous years as well as introduce new concepts. The key areas of focus for this term are place value and the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It would be helpful if you could encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars (to x12), as these facts should now be instantly recalled; a good knowledge of these will help your child immensely in all of their mathematical work.

English: A range of fiction and non-fiction writing genres will be studied across the year; this half term will focus on fiction: humorous poetry and fictional recounts (diary entries).

EGPS (English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling): The curriculum has a great emphasis on grammar skills, and these will be taught both explicitly and connected to genres being taught, as relevant. Spellings will be sent home weekly, and children will need to practise these and ensure they understand and can use the words in context. Reading is of great importance: we will engage in whole-class reading sessions to help children to improve their key reading skills (use of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary). It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to read as much as possible. Also, we are aware finding time can be difficult but reading with an adult is still important for children as it allows the opportunity to ask questions to assess and develop their comprehension skills.

Other subject themes are as follows:

Science: Electricity

RE: Exploring Muslim Beliefs

Geography: How do Tectonic Plates Affect the Landscape? (volcanoes & earthquakes)

PE: Tag Rugby and Sports Leader Practice (Year 6 PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays but please ensure that your child always has their PE kit available at school)

Computing: Data (Excel spreadsheets); online safety will be the focus of the first lesson each half term

Music: Unison singing (swing music) and composing phrases using the pentatonic scale

Art: Painting and learning about horizon lines/vanishing points in art (artist studied will be David Hockney)

PSHE: Being Me in My World

DAaRT (Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Training)

You may have heard of the DAaRT Primary Programme (previously known as DARE), delivered by Life Skills Education; Cropwell Bishop School has taken part in this for many years. This programme is designed to raise awareness and develop the skills needed to make positive, informed choices for a safe and healthy life. Our Y6 children will have ten sessions, led by Mrs Spencer, a qualified DAaRT officer. Our first session will be held on Wednesday 11th September and will take place each Wednesday morning (11.00-12.00). At the end of the course, there is a graduation ceremony, to which you will be invited (details will follow).

Homework

The homework grid will be posted onto Teams and a paper copy will be provided for each child. Children are expected to complete activities throughout the half term to help them to practise completing homework regularly in readiness for secondary school. I am more than happy to answer any questions/support children with homework queries. If you require any homework printing, please let me know.

Reminders

-As a school, we will be having informal 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday 11th September (you can attend on either the 3:45pm or 4:30pm slot). This will give you a chance to ask any questions about Year 6. I look forward to meeting many of you on this date.

-Just a quick reminder that earrings are not permitted in school. If your child cannot remove earrings due to recent piercings, they will need to wear plasters to cover their earrings.

Finally, we know that many of you may well have questions about the Key Stage Two SATs so you are invited to attend a meeting in the spring term (details will be provided): this will enable us to explain about the KS2 SATs in detail and answer any queries.

If you require any further information or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school by telephoning or through email (office@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk).

If there is anything I can personally help with, or any queries you may have, please let me know via the class 6 email (class6info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk).

I look forward to meeting many of you soon.

Kind regards,

Mr Nicholson and the Year 6 Team.