



KS2 Half Term Curriculum Plan / Home Learning Letter

Year 6

Spring 1 Half Term: January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all a happy New Year.

Whilst school is currently not open to all children, we will really look forward to seeing the children's learning online, via Google Classroom.

The table below provides a brief overview of the learning opportunities that the children will have across all subjects this half term. A full curriculum will continue to be provided online, while schools are closed.

Subjects	Focus of Learning
English	<p>In English we begin by looking at an extract of <i>The War of the Worlds</i> by H G Wells. The children will have the opportunity to explore the key features of a Science Fiction text and write a continuation based on events in the story. This will be followed by a short story entitled <i>Weslandia</i> by Paul Fleischman where the children will write some free verse poetry and create their own civilisation based on the book.</p> <p>As always, spelling, punctuation and grammar is an integral part of the children's writing, so we will spend time focusing on these areas and much of the children's English home learning activities will be consolidating this learning.</p>
Reading	<p>Much of our reading sessions will be focused on reading comprehension and understanding the texts we are reading. The children will be building on their prior learning and skills of using inference and deduction to respond to different texts and how to evidence their responses. In addition, they will be analysing the character of Wesley from the book <i>Weslandia</i>, using evidence from the text to support their findings.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths we will be continuing our work on fractions, learning how to multiply and divide them as well as converting them to decimal fractions and vice-versa. In addition, we will be consolidating finding percentages of amounts and money and using this knowledge to solve problems. The written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division continue to be an important focus as well as looking at efficient mental strategies. We will also be classifying and identifying the properties of quadrilaterals, as well as finding missing angles. Continuing with 2D shapes, we will be learning about the properties of triangles and circles.</p> <p>As you can appreciate, multiplication tables form the basis for most of the maths we do, so could you continue to support your children in learning their times tables and their corresponding division facts. Please remember to log into https://play.ttrockstars.com. It is also extremely important that they are confident with all the vocabulary relating to maths, as well as knowing the essential key facts and arithmetic operations which will help them in their daily maths lessons.</p>
Science	<p>In our new Science topic, 'Light Up Your World', we will be learning about what light is and how it travels. We will explore how we see objects and will</p>

	shadows made by different materials. The children will be given opportunities to carry out practical investigations at home; helpful resources will include paper, cardboard, a transparent/translucent material, pencil and ruler. We will learn about reflection and refraction and their uses and will explore how we see different coloured objects.
R.E.	Our focus in RE will be on the Hindu faith. During this half-term, we will be learning to understand what Hindus do to show their commitment to God and to evaluate if there is a best way. The children will make links between other faiths they have learnt about as well as their own faith.
Computing	In computing, we will continue to make the children aware of the importance of internet safety and what to do if they are worried about anything they experience online. As well as this, we will be revising and developing our Coding skills.
Geography	Our Geography topic will see us locating Europe, European countries and capital cities on a world map and identifying some of their characteristics. In addition, we will be exploring European cuisine and why many people choose to holiday in the Mediterranean. We will finish the topic by comparing life in Athens with life here.
PHSCE	In our PSHCE lessons, we will be thinking about new beginnings, dreams and goals for the future, self-motivation and how we can make the world a better place.
Art	We will start the term with a short art topic based on the artist Kandinsky. We will begin by looking at the life and work of Wassily Kandinsky, then moving on to develop our own ideas for an abstract work of art inspired by Kandinsky.
Music	In our music lessons, we will be exploring different genres of music, spending time listening and appraising these pieces of music and thinking about how the key concepts we looked at last term, play an integral part in their composition. We will also have the opportunity to explore the music written by Jeff Wayne based on The War of the Worlds. In addition, we will begin to look more into how music is notated on a staff and the use of time signatures and bar lines to group notes.
PE	It is important that the children get regular exercise and some ideas will be uploaded on to Google Classroom, some of which have been contributed by All for Sport. In addition, PE with Joe Wicks sessions can be found on YouTube, as well as Cosmic Kids and Go Noodle.

- Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly**. It is really helpful if you can take some time to read with your child and ask questions about what they have read. This will help to support their developing comprehension skills. It is also beneficial to read aloud to your children. When your child finishes reading a book, they might like to log on to **Accelerated Reader** to take a quiz. Use this link (<https://ukhosted9.renlearn.co.uk/2239980/>) and their login details.
- **PE with Joe Wicks** can be found on YouTube and other fun websites include Cosmic Kids and Go Noodle.
- You should have login details for the following: **RM easimaths** and **TT Rockstars**
- Please visit the Year 6 **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**.
- **Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring** are lovely, calm activities to do with your child.



- The current crisis is one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Here are a couple of really good websites I would like to share with you; both are an excellent source of support. They might be of help and answer some of the questions your children might be asking at this time.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop us a note via our School Office email.

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