

Year 6 Newsletter



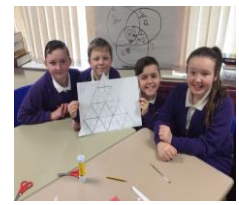
During our topic on the Ancient Egyptians, we have used a range of resources including artefacts and pictures to find out about Ancient Egyptian beliefs and how they differed from today. We researched how religion affected them and how the civilisation adapted to the needs of Egyptian life.

Topic



Maths

We are really enjoying seeing the passion and enthusiasm that all our children show towards maths. They have fully embraced the mastery approach which encompasses fluency, reasoning and problem-solving and are really showing that they can make connections between different concepts. It is wonderful to see how the language and vocabulary of maths is developing and being used naturally in our lessons.



Waterpark

We had another great visit to Waterpark this year! The children enjoyed a variety of activities including: sailing, kayaking, climbing, ghyll scrambling and orienteering. It was lovely to see the children working together to overcome fears and challenge themselves in many new and exciting activities. There was lots of laughter and encouragement and many happy memories were made.



Reading

Reading has really taken off in our school now. We have introduced a new Bookworm award scheme for our most voracious readers and you will probably have noticed many of our pupils sporting their shiny new Bookworm badges. Our Golden Ticket scheme continues to reward our hard-working readers with new books to take home (so keep signing those diaries!) and our new library has been a tremendous success, not in small part to the fantastic efforts of our librarian, Mrs Playforth. Children look out for her posters advertising their favourite books and there is always a rush on to be the first to borrow the latest Tom Gates or Alex Rider!

Library Club is now going strong with a core of enthusiastic stalwarts and continues to meet for book discussions, games, book readings and recommendations – and, of course, juice and biscuits! We are delighted with this change in the reading culture of our school – the children and even the teachers are buzzing about books! (Have you decided what you are going to dress up in for Book Week in the last week of this term?)

Our Curriculum

Science - We will be looking in detail at aspects of the human body. We will study the circulatory and digestive system and how these systems work together. We will also look at the impact of diet, drugs and exercise on the body. Next half term we will study light, focusing on how we see things and how shadows are formed.

R.E. We will be learning to evaluate different beliefs about eternity and to understand the Christian perspective on this. We will be learning to examine the influences Christianity still has in the world and to evaluate whether it is still a strong religion.

P.E - Circuit training - we will take part in differing circuits with and without running, grouping similar exercises together, static versus dynamic to feel and think about the effects of exercise.

Gymnastics - we will explore counter balance, counter tension, synchronisation and cannon. Pupils will link skills, techniques and ideas and apply them accurately and appropriately.

Hockey - Children will apply principals of team play to retain possession, make decisions quickly and play in a number of positions. Within all P.E. lessons children will evaluate their own and others performance.

Roles of Responsibility

Year 6 have been doing a wonderful job since joining us in September, carrying out a variety of roles and responsibilities including prefects, house captains and PALs. Well done and keep up the good work.

Parents' Evening

We enjoyed meeting many of our Year 6 parents and sharing all the hard work your children have been doing. If you still have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact school.

P.E Kits

P.E is an essential part of school life. Your child's kit should include a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts and black pumps. A plain tracksuit may be worn during outdoor P.E. in cold weather. No football shirts are allowed.

Homework

This term, the children will continue to have maths, English and spelling homework every Thursday. We would like to congratulate Year 6 for their continued hard work and for completing homework to the best of their ability. This is vital preparation for high school and helps to reinforce learning that has taken place that week. The children have also been getting organised, bringing in their folders each day in order to have the correct resources for each lesson. It is important that they continue with this enthusiasm for learning as we head nearer to their final exams and transition to high school.