

Y6 Wolves Newsletter

Term 2 2017



Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you all had a good week off and are ready for another term of hard work; it will be a busy one, especially in the run up to Christmas. Hopefully, this term will be less disruptive however with a more regular pattern of day-to-day learning now secondary school visits and our residential trip are out the way. I will continue to teach the children most of the week except for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons when the class will have Mr Packer and Mrs Berry. On Thursday afternoons Miss Dannell will teach both Year 6 classes PE and I will teach both classes computing. Mrs Douglas and Mrs Jones will continue as the TA's in Year 6 providing a wide range of support including interventions, focused teaching in small groups and extension activities.

Diary dates

Wednesday 1st November - Maths4Parents Workshop 3.20-4.15pm

Monday 13th November - height and weight checks with school nurse

Thursday 16th November - parent consultations

Monday 27th November - Friday 1st December - scholastic book fair in school

Monday 4th December - KS1 nativity dress rehearsal to whole school 2pm

6th & 7th December KS1 nativity to parents 2pm

Friday 8th December - Christmas fayre

Tuesday 12th December - children's Christmas lunch day

Thursday 14th December - Key Stage 2 carol service 2pm

Friday 15th December - Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December - Christmas mix-up day

Tuesday 19th December - last day of term

Wednesday 20th December - INSET day - no school

Year 6 Curriculum content

Literacy

We will continue studying a range of short texts to link in with our history topic on World War II, using them as a stimulus for writing in a variety of genres. We will also continue with regular grammar and punctuation work, handwriting practice and spelling work. Extended writing sessions will take place regularly to ensure we have a wide range of evidence to support teacher assessment for writing.

Numeracy

Topics this term will include long division, simplifying, comparing and ordering fractions; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions; angles at a point, on a straight line and calculating missing angles; parts of a circle; order of operations (BODMAS); 2D and 3D shapes. We will also complete investigative and problem solving activities, arithmetic sessions and the usual times tables practice on a regular basis.

Science

This term's topic is Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn about fossils and how they provide information about living things that inhabited earth millions of years ago; how characteristics are passed from parents to offspring; and how animals adapt to suit their habitats.

Computing

We will use a variety of websites and challenges to consider the validity of the World Wide Web. Plagiarism, copyright and bias will also be discussed.

PE

PE lessons will cover basketball, fitness and 'Wake and Shake' and will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure that your child has their kit for these days. This consists of a red T-shirt, black shorts, trainers and plimsolls. The children are also permitted to bring a tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons. Please mark every item with your child's name. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these need to be removed for lessons and long hair must be tied up.

RE

This term we will be studying Christianity and the importance of the Bible.

History

We will continue with our study of World War II in the local area, linking our work to other curriculum areas such as Design and Technology and Literacy. This term we will focus on rationing, Dig for Victory, propaganda and Operation Fortitude.

Design and Technology

The children will complete a Make Do and Mend project, producing a drawstring bag out of an old item of clothing or material. Please could you provide your son or daughter with something for this project such as an shirt, pillow case or T-Towel by Friday 10th November.

French

Our unit 'Notre monde' focuses on the world around us. We will find out and compare the geography of France, French-speaking countries and other areas around the world.

Home Learning Activities

Homework and spellings continue to be set every Thursday to be handed in and tested on the following Tuesday. Please continue to encourage your son or daughter to complete homework each week as it reinforces what we have been learning in class and helps them to get into good habits before moving on to secondary school. In addition to tasks set each week please practise times tables and also encourage daily reading, which should be recorded in the contact book.

If you have any questions or queries please come and have a chat at the beginning or end of the day if you are on the playground or I can be contacted via email Debbie.Creigh@bad.kent.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Miss Creigh, Mrs Douglas and Mrs Jones