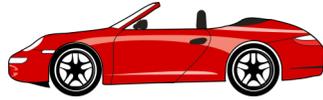


Useful Information

Reading: After the success of our Reading Road reward scheme, we are bringing in new rewards that we hope will appeal to even the most reluctant of readers. For every day that your child reads for at least 15 minutes at home, they will earn one "star stamp" in their reading record (up to 5 stamps per week). When they have collected 15 stamps, they can be exchanged for a "15 minutes extra play time" token, which will allow them to join in with special play sessions throughout the term. We are hoping that this new approach will encourage the children's love of reading, as well as helping them to get in the habit of updating their reading record daily. **If you could support your child by hearing or witnessing them reading and then signing their reading record, this will ensure that they get their stamps — and that all-important extra play!**



Spellings: Spellings will be sent home for the children to learn each week to reinforce key spelling rules. Each new rule will be given to the children on a Wednesday and will then be followed by a test on the following Tuesday. Spelling lists will also be put on to Class Dojo.



Maths Homework: By now, the children are probably familiar with the online Maths homework system (www.mymaths.co.uk). The children will receive their MyMaths login details and can complete their homework online. The homework that the children receive will be based on a topic

that they already would have covered and will aim to further develop their understanding of that strand of Maths. We will be holding a H/W club every Tuesday lunchtime for those children who cannot access a computer at home.



English Homework: Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation (VGP) or comprehension homework will be sent home weekly. This will be linked to something that the children would have covered in previous weeks or will be a revision task.

All homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and will be due back the following Monday.



Joy Lane Primary School Year 6 Newsletter Terms 1 & 2

This booklet gives a brief outline of our teaching and learning programme for Terms 1 and 2, as well as other key information you may find useful.



Who's Who in Year 6?

Bailey

Mr Rogers

Teacher

Years 4,5 & 6 Team Leader

Banksy

Dr Manson

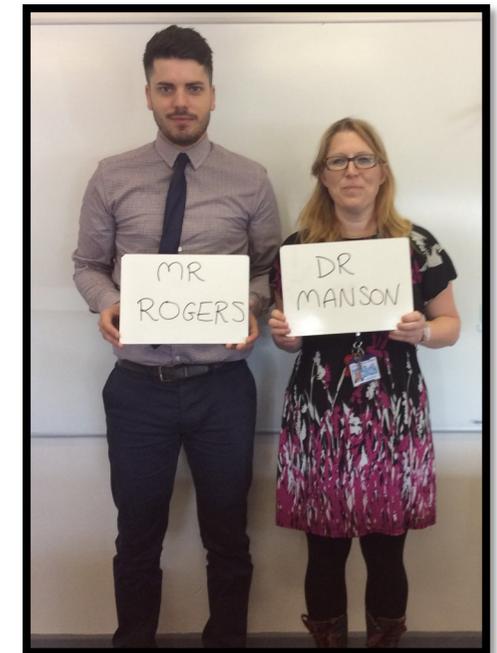
Teacher

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Bedwell

Mrs Barton

Mr Coggin



Year 6 Learning Themes

English:

In Term 1, we are linking our English sessions to our study of *Space* in Science. Firstly, we will be developing our descriptive writing techniques. Then, we will focus on non-chronological information reports based on the alien planet of Pandora!

Term 2 will focus on Shakespeare's famous play, *Macbeth*.



Knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation is taught explicitly in our English sessions through *Sentence World!* Spellings (from the National Curriculum Programmes of Study) are taught and practised daily with new rules taught each week. In addition to this, children also take their Rainbow Spelling cards home to learn independently.

Mathematics:

Term 1 focuses on number, in particular place value and the four calculations. Term 2 continues with this but with the additional development of concepts in shape and space, measurement, fractions and data analysis.



Mental arithmetic is a key element of the Maths curriculum and is practised in every lesson. As part of the development of this, children participate in *Kung Fu Times Tables* daily, which is aimed at improving their knowledge of division and multiplication facts, assisting them in numerous aspects of The Maths Curriculum. Children are also encouraged to practise their times tables at home.

Science:

During the first term, we will be exploring *Space*. This will include a particular focus on the solar system and why Earth has day and night.

This then leads directly onto our second unit: *Evolution*.



History:

The study of *World War II* will continue throughout the year. The children will explore the overarching questions based on attack and defence and how children at the time were affected.



If you have a relative who lived during this period, we always welcome speakers to share their experiences.

Art/DT:

In Terms 1 and 2, our Art is linked to our study of WWII, specifically The Blitz. Further to this, *Space* in Science is used as inspiration for further opportunities for Art and DT.

Religious Education:

The first two terms will focus on Christianity and the teachings of Jesus.



PSHE/SMSC:

Every Wednesday, we will spend valuable time discussing and exploring personal, social and cultural issues.

Swimming and PE Lessons

Swimming: Year 6 swim in **Term 1** and **Term 2**.



Bailey class will swim on Wednesday afternoons.

Banksy class will swim on Thursday afternoons.

Please make sure your child has a named swimming costume, swim hat and towel for the session.

PE Lessons:

Outdoor PE will take place on a **Tuesday** afternoon.

Term 1: Hockey

Term 2: Netball

Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit, especially as the weather becomes colder.

