

# Useful Information

## Homework and Supporting your child at home:

- **READING:** A Reading Record book is supplied for your children to record the books that they read at home and in school. While it is great if you can still listen to your children read in Year 6, the children can also use the record independently.
- **SPELLINGS:** Rainbow spelling cards for individual learning will continue to challenge the children. In addition, there will be weekly spelling sessions to reinforce key spelling rules which will be tested to ensure learning has taken place in school and at home.
- **MATHS:** Online Maths homework will be set each week on a Wednesday. A homework club is run during the Thursday lunch time in the ICT room for pupils to do their homework if desired.
- Children should importantly also regularly practise their times tables at home.
- **ENGLISH:** Spelling, punctuation and grammar homework or project work is expected to be completed weekly.
- Additional homework may be given to support Science topics or other subject areas.
- *Help your child develop their learning skills and independence by guiding them into a routine for doing homework and being organised for school by packing their bags the night before.*

## Important Reminders:

- Please make sure your child arrives before 8:50 am.
- Make sure clothes, swimming kit and PE kit are all named.
- Please remember to leave a message on the absence line if your child is not well enough to come to school.
- No earrings on PE and swimming days please.
- Rembrandt Class assembly: 29.01.16
- Rousseau Class assembly: 05.02.16
- Kic theatre experience: 19.01.16



Joy Lane Primary School

# Year 6 Newsletter

## Terms 3 & 4

This booklet gives a brief outline of our teaching and learning programme for Terms 3 and 4 as well as other key information that you may find useful.



## Who's Who in Year 6?

<b>Mrs Dare</b>	Teacher (Rembrandt) Year 5/6 Phase Leader
<b>Mr Rogers</b>	Teacher (Rousseau)
<b>Miss Bell</b>	Teacher in Rembrandt and Rousseau

### Teaching Assistants

Miss Gray, Miss Bedwell, Mrs Rennells and Mrs Waschbusch



Miss Bell

Mrs Dare

Mr Rogers



# Year 6 Learning Themes

## English:

We are basing our English sessions on Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*. After reading and understanding the play, we will be writing newspaper reports and also descriptions whilst building up tension for the audience.

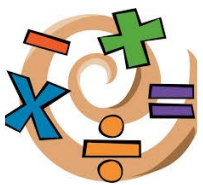


Knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation is taught explicitly once a week, however it is also reinforced in all our lessons.

## Mathematics:

We again focus on reinforcing place value as well as fractions, decimals and percentages.

However, pupils will very importantly continue to develop their written methods of calculation and their usage in problem solving. We will also be furthering our knowledge of shape and space, data handling etc.



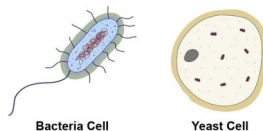
Mental arithmetic is a key element of the maths curriculum, despite the focus of written calculations and is practised in every lesson. As part of this, Times Tables are tested regularly and KIRF targets are set for every pupil to practise at school and home.

In Year 6 children are put into two groups for maths. This means that the areas may sometimes be taught at different times.

## Science:

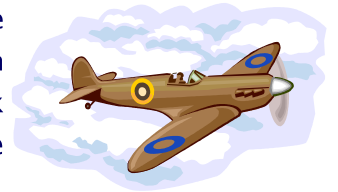
During the third term we will be exploring *Micro-Organisms* and then electricity in Term 4.

A homework project will support the learning of this subject during Term 3.



## History:

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



In Term 4 we are looking forward to welcoming a group of gentlemen who are World War II veterans and served in the Royal Artillery. This will be very exciting for both adults and children.

## Religious Education:

Terms 3 and 4 will focus on the transition study of Sikhism.



## Swimming and PE Lessons

Swimming: Year 6 will swim in Term 4.

Please make sure your child has a swimming costume, hat and towel for the Thursday session as this is a very important part of the national curriculum.



## PE Lessons:



Outdoor PE will take place on a Friday afternoon and will focus on Tag Rugby in Terms 3 and 4. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit for this, especially as the weather becomes colder.