

# Useful Information

**ENGLISH:** Homework will vary between grammar/punctuation (www.studyzone.tv) or a reading comprehension task.

**READING:** The children will be awarded reading mile points from 1-4 based on the *quality* of the text they are reading (according to their reading ability). 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 points!

**SPELLINGS:** Rainbow spelling cards will be sent home for the children to learn at their own pace, as well as weekly class spelling rules. Look below for some fun ways to practise spellings:

**Rainbow Write** – First write each word in pencil. Then trace over each word three times. Each time you trace, you must use a different colour pencil.

**Silly Sentences** – Write silly sentences using a spelling word in each sentence. Underline your spellings.

**Backwards words** – Write your spelling words forwards and then backwards. Example: where / erehw

**Colourful Words** – Write each of your spelling words. Write each letter using a different coloured pencil.

**Across and Down** – Write each word across and down, sharing the beginning letter.

**MATHS HOMEWORK:** Check www.mymaths.co.uk weekly for homework. Look below for how you can practise your times tables at home.

The children practise their times tables on a daily basis as we recognise the importance of becoming fluent with our multiplication and division facts.

Each week, the children will focus on the facts from a different number and we encourage children to practise becoming fluent in this at home to help them in school.

A set of flash cards to test your children will be given out to support their learning at home and hopefully have an impact on their learning at school.

Try [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) for a range of times table activities.

*Homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and is due back on Monday.  
We will be holding a Homework club every Wednesday lunchtime.*



## 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 you may find useful.



### Who's Who in Year 6?

#### Banksy

**Mrs Harkins**  
Teacher  
Assistant Head Teacher

**Dr Manson**  
Teacher

#### Bailey

**Mr Rogers**  
Teacher  
Year 5/6 Phase Leader

#### Teaching Assistants

**Mrs Bedwell**  
**Mrs Barton**  
**Mrs Luckhurst**



# Year 6 Learning Themes

## English:

We are basing our English learning on Shakespeare's play, Romeo and Juliet. After reading and understanding the story, we will be writing newspaper reports and a descriptive piece that builds up tension for the audience.



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

## Mathematics:



Terms 3 and 4 continue to focus on place value, particularly in decimals, as well as the four calculations. Alongside this, the children continually apply their skills and knowledge in problem-solving and reasoning activities.

In addition, the children will deepen their understanding 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 a times tables test every week and are therefore encouraged to practise this at home. Please see the back of this booklet for fun ideas on how to practise!

## Science:



During the third term, we will be exploring the wonderful world of micro-organisms! In Term 4, we will be studying electricity and circuits.



**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, the children will experience life in the war during our WWII themed day!



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



**Art/DT:** In Term 3, our study of WWII shelters in *History* will inspire our own designs in DT. We will also make cross-curricular links with RE, History and English throughout the two terms.

**Religious Education:** We will continue to learn about Christianity and the teachings of Jesus, with a focus on the 'I am' statements and the Bible.



**PSHE/SMSC:** Every Wednesday, we will spend valuable time discussing and exploring personal, social and cultural issues.

## Swimming and PE Lessons

**Swimming:** Year 6 will swim in **Term 4**. (Days to be confirmed.)

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



## **PE Lessons:**

Outdoor PE will take place on a **Monday** afternoon (Term 3) and **Tuesday** afternoons (Term 4).

*Terms 3 and 4:* Tag Rugby

*Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit, especially as the weather becomes colder. Please also ensure your child has their kit in school every day in case PE needs to be rescheduled.*

