

Useful Information

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!

HOMEWORK: In preparation for the Year 6 SATs, Reading, Maths and SPaG 'SATs Busters' will continue to be sent home for the children to complete.

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 learn your 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.

Important Reminders:

- KS2 SATs—Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May.
- We look forward to seeing your child at 8:20 during SATs week for breakfast.
- Please make sure that the office has all the required paperwork for the Isle of Wight trip.
- Isle of Wight trip: Friday 9th June to Monday 12th June.

Please remember that those children not going will have a range of fun activities planned for them at school.



Joy Lane Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Terms 5 & 6

This booklet gives a brief outline of our teaching and learning programme for Terms 5 and 6, 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:

After completing a short story unit based on the chilling animation, *Alma*, we will be basing our English sessions on Michael Morpurgo's book, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, which is a favourite in Year 6. This unit will include the development of persuasive and descriptive writing, as well as reinforcing our skills of building tension. Knowledge of spelling, grammar and punctuation is taught throughout the week.



Later on, however, we will be focusing on the skills of Speaking and Listening and Drama as we rehearse our end of year production.

Mathematics:

In the build-up to the SATs tests, we will be practising and consolidating all aspects of the Maths curriculum. We have appreciated your support with the children's homework, and we feel it has made a huge impact on their learning. 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 table test every week and are therefore encouraged to practise these at home.



Science:

In Term 5, we will begin our *Electricity* unit where we will be focusing on simple circuits; circuit diagrams and symbols; and using and applying knowledge of circuits to solve problems, such as how to wire a house so lights do not go out when one switch is opened. Also, we will investigate how to make lights brighter or dimmer and how to silence those buzzers!



During Term 6, we will be exploring *Green Plants*. This will include a focus on parts of the flower head and the lifecycle of a plant.

History:

The study of World War II will continue with the overarching question focusing on 'attack and defence'. Also, the children will explore the 'Blitz Spirit' where people supported each other to keep morale high, as well as how they defended themselves.

In preparation for our upcoming project based on 'Kent in the War', children will be encouraged to gather evidence and research to enable them to fully enjoy the chosen aspect that they wish to base their project on.

Religious Education: Over the next two terms, we will be studying *Sikhism*, looking at celebrations and holy days; the history of the Sikh community; important locations for Sikhs; and how Sikh beliefs affect daily life.



Geography: The children will study individual mountains and mountain ranges, including their physical features, key vocabulary to describe them and what it is like to live on or near a mountain.

Swimming and PE Lessons

Swimming: Year 6 will swim in Term 6.

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



A catch-up swimming session from Term 4 will take place on Tuesday 23rd May 2017.

PE Lessons:

Outdoor PE will take place on a Monday afternoon and will focus on Kwik Cricket and Athletics. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit for this.

