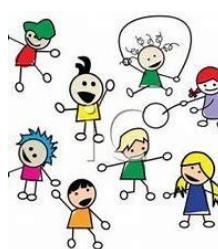


General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside



Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Year 6 is taught by Mr Spadaccini. The children will also be going to the sports hall or Hampstead Heath on **Thursday afternoons**. This is a reasonable walk from school so please ensure that children do have tracksuit trousers, trainers and waterproof coats. We will go in most weathers!



Trips/Virtual Visits

Jewish Museum- Date TBC

Junior Citizens virtual workshop- 2nd February

Homework reminders

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. This will include the spelling practice books which should be returned every Tuesday. There will be opportunity in school time to rehearse spellings in these spelling books too. Spellings and an arithmetic skill will be sent home on Thursday and tested on Thursday..

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subject areas. In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and arithmetic skills.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.

On occasion, work can be handed in through Google Classroom. For example, when handing in presentations or typed work.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 28th January. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!



Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.



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Year Six
Spring Term 2022



Year Six

Class Teacher: Miss Parsons
Other adults working with Y6:
Mr Oliver (music), Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Madame Puglia (French)

Support Staff: Miss Morris

Welcome back to the spring term! We hope you had an enjoyable break. Thank you for all the kind gifts and generosity before the holidays, it was greatly appreciated. Below is our curriculum information for the term. If you have any questions, queries or concerns over the coming term, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
Miss Parsons and the Year 6 Team

Retrieval Practice and Spaced Retrieval

"Retrieval practice is the act of recalling information from memory (with no or little support) and every time that information is retrieved, or an answer is generated, it changes that original memory to make it stronger." Kate Jones

We have been focusing on using retrieval practice to help children to learn and progress in all curriculum areas. We carefully think of activities which require children to remember previous learning in different ways to make sure that the children have the best chance of keeping their learning in their long-term memory. One way of doing this is to set homework activities that link directly to learning that the children have done in class. On occasion, we will send homework which links to learning which may have taken place a number weeks before. This is called spaced retrieval because children are asked to remember something after a gap in time.



Literacy will be taught through a range of genres including biographies and a range of fiction. We will explore devices writers use to both entertain and inform the reader. We will have a greater emphasis on spelling and grammar in preparation for assessments in May.



We will be covering a range of topics:

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| • Place value and Number | Practice of both arithmetic and reasoning skills |
| • Data handling | |
| • Shape and Space | |
| • Measure | |



Later this term we will begin some science units, with the majority taking place in the summer term. The learning covered this term is The Human Body- learning about the circulatory system as well as about the effects of diet and exercise on the body.



We will be using a Crumble Kit to create a circuit that can be used in our design and technology project. We will then create some tricky code (undoubtedly with lots of debugging) which will control the crumble circuit to provide the light for our product. We will also be exploring how to keep safe online.



In R.E this term we have four big questions:

- Do Fame and Christian Faith Go Together?
- What does it mean to be a Jew?
- How do people express their ideas about God?
- How does the Christian festival of Easter offer hope?

Our world faith this term is Judaism. This will be supported by learning at the Jewish Museum.

History



We will be continuing our learning about Ancient Greece this term. We will learn about democracy, architecture and scientific discoveries. Using all our learning on how ancient Greece has influenced the world today, we will be writing a persuasive argument explaining what we believe to be the greatest influence.

Geography



We will be continuing our learning on how places and people around the world link together. We will be learning about natural resources, where they come from and how we use them; about where water and food comes from; and how we could live more sustainably.

PSHE



The PSHE theme this term is about staying healthy and safe. We will attend a virtual workshop trip called Junior Citizens, where we will hear from a range of professionals who will teach us how to stay safe, particularly in the transition to secondary school. PSHE week is the week beginning 31st January.



PE

In the first half of this term we will be covering Health and Fitness. We will be learning to identify and name specific muscle groups, how to warm them up and how to stretch them. In the second half of this term we will be covering Skills Development. We will be exploring a range of more complex technical vocabulary relating to more tactical games and sports in general.



Music

We will continue to develop instrumental and ensemble skills through learning Happy by Pharrell Williams. Djembe and tuned percussionists will learn and play a number of riffs using syncopated rhythms and solos based upon the A minor pentatonic scale. Keyboard and guitar players will learn how to apply major and minor 7th chord shapes. All children will follow a set structure and arrangement that they will create and direct themselves. They will perform their piece at the end of term.



Art

In art this term we will be completing some observational drawings as well as learning about a famous artist. We will also have several opportunities to complete cross-curricular artwork.



Design Technology

In design and technology we will be designing and making nightlights. We will draw on a range of skills and knowledge that we have learnt throughout the school to make a strong and practical shell structure and then a fabric cover for the nightlight. This links very well with our Computing this term.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!