



RHODES AVENUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Six

Autumn Term 2018

Curriculum News letter (Termly Class Letter)

Class Teachers: Ms Cronin, Ms Davies Mr Farmer and Ms P

Issue 1

Welcome back! We all hope you enjoyed your summer break! The children have settled in really well and made a great start to Year Six. Outlined below is some information about the upcoming term and details about Year Six in general.

In **English**, we will be writing and reading a range of genres, both fiction and non-fiction. Children will be given the opportunity to extend their writing ability in regular extended writing sessions. In addition to English lessons, pupils will also have a discrete grammar lesson once a week. Spelling and handwriting will be incorporated within English lessons. In English, the children will be taught in mixed groups by Mr Farmer, Ms Davies and Ms Cronin.

In **Maths** we will follow the Year 6 curriculum, which includes number work, shape and space and data handling. We will be setting the children according to their learning needs in Maths and there will most likely be movement between the groups throughout the year. There will be four groups taught by Ms Cronin, Ms P, Ms Davies and Mr Farmer.

In **Science** we will be following the Year 6 Science curriculum as well as focusing on extending children's investigative skills. This term the units will include: Living things and their habitats and Evolution and Inheritance.

This half term, our topic is '**The Maya civilisation**'.
After half term our topic will be '**Islam**'.

One of these topics have a history focus and one has an R.E. focus, however, we shall also be covering some geographical skills (e.g. map work). This half term in Art we will be focusing on printing skills and in DT we will be designing, making and evaluating our own chocolate product. In **Music** we will be performing songs from memory and taking the lead in the Christmas show. If you have any resources or expertise relating to this term's topics, please do get in touch.

In **PE** our focus for this half term will be dance and gymnastics and some units on Junior Leadership Skills. The children will be learning matching and mirroring skills and how to structure simple dances independently and with a partner using motifs and different stimuli. PE will mainly be taught on Wednesdays and Thursdays however the children should have their P.E kits in school throughout the week as this could change some weeks. P.E. includes a Rhodes Avenue T-shirt (available from the school office), shorts, jogging bottoms, a warm top and appropriate footwear. Children will be asked to remove or cover earrings before taking part in their PE session.

Homework

At Rhodes Avenue, the aim of homework is to develop pupil independence, resilience and resourcefulness. They should be able to complete their homework with minimal adult support, however, if your child does struggle with the homework provided please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher. It is essential that your child brings his or her planner to and from school every day. A school bag will make a significant difference to homework, letters and books making it home and back to school again. Your child is expected to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night. Your child's class teacher will monitor their reading records on a weekly basis. Your support in this task is clearly invaluable. We will be setting Maths homework every Thursday (due in on Monday), which will consolidate the week's learning. As part of the Maths homework, children are expected to practise their times tables. Further details on other homework can be found in our updated homework policy.

Important Autumn term dates for your diaries:

Half term	Monday 22 nd October-Friday 26 th October 2018
Parents' evenings	Wednesday November 14 th and Thursday November 15 th
Christmas Productions	Tuesday 4 th , Wednesday 5 th and Thursday 6 th December 2019
End of term	Friday 21 st December 2018

Other Information

Year Six Residential Trip

The dates for the residential are Monday 1st April-Friday 5th April.

Further information will be given out containing details of the trip. Requests for medical and dietary requirements, as well as the kit required by the children will also be sent out in due course. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the trip at a short meeting-date and time to be announced.

Educational visits

Educational visits are an important aspect of the Rhodes Avenue Curriculum. School visits and trips provide the opportunity to enrich learning outside of the classroom and inspire learning back at school. We aim to take the children on as many school trips as possible however we recognise this can become costly. We have decided this year to set a maximum limit on the amount we ask you to pay for trips over the whole year to £30. The school will make every effort to keep the cost of the educational visits to a minimal by using public transport or by visiting free exhibitions.

Staffing

Planning time will be on a Thursday afternoon and will be covered by Mr Amooty, Ms Hurst and Ms Sawyer.

Mr Farmer will be teaching each class French once a week.

SATs

And finally a brief word about SATs! Clearly we want your children to achieve their full potential. However, we believe it is important to keep them in proportion. Our aim is therefore to prepare the children thoroughly for the tests so that they can approach them with a real sense of confidence, but at the same time do our best to avoid any unnecessary anxiety. Your help in this task would be greatly appreciated. We know that many of you like to support your children outside school. We request that you do not go through any past papers as we use them to assess children on a termly basis. At the moment SATs week is provisionally taking place during the week commencing 13th May 2018.

Secondary transfer information will be sent home shortly. Please note the early deadline.

Healthy Schools

As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School please ensure that your child's playtime snack is fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Water will always be available during the school day however we are happy for you to bring into school a bottle of water clearly labelled.

If you have any questions or queries, please do remember we are always here to help. Please speak to a member of the team to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We looking forward to working with you,
Alison Davies, James Farmer, Aileen Cronin and Maria P.

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