



YEAR 6

Spring Term Newsletter 2022

Happy New Year!

Autumn Term was super busy and the Year 6 team would like to congratulate all of the children for their hard work and achievements last term. We hope to continue to create a stimulating learning environment.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, you can do so through our Year 6 email:

y6@stillnessjs.lewisham.sch.uk

Your child's class teacher will respond by email within 2 days.

A reminder that mobile phones are not allowed in school. In terms of jewellery, only studs are permitted and other jewellery, hair bows and nail varnish should not be worn.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Spring term!

From the Year 6 team.

Topic – Off With her Head! (The Tudors)

What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad? Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history.

Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing goes hand in hand with swift falls from favour, and even swifter falling of heads. Develop your painting skills in miniature, solve riddles and remember to protect your precious neck with a large white ruff, if you want to survive at Tudor court. Flex your detective muscles and become a criminal investigator. Will you find out the facts or will the evidence from the past bemuse you? How will you find the accused, innocent or guilty?



Maths

Our focus for the Spring term is: Number (decimals, percentages, algebra and ratio) and measurement (converting units, perimeters, area and volume).

During each lesson we will have mental starters that will cover all aspects of the maths curriculum to ensure the children practice a range of mathematical skills throughout the year.

	Fraction	Percentage	Decimal
	1 whole	100%	1
	$\frac{1}{2}$	50%	0.5
	$\frac{1}{3}$	33.3%	0.33
	$\frac{1}{4}$	25%	0.25
	$\frac{1}{5}$	20%	0.2
	$\frac{1}{6}$	16.7%	0.167
	$\frac{1}{8}$	12.5%	0.125
	$\frac{1}{10}$	10%	0.1
	$\frac{1}{12}$	8.3%	0.083

English

This term, our Talk for Writing texts will be suspense stories, balanced arguments and non-chronological reports.

The outcomes in English will be for children to write:

- A story full of suspense (using such features as describe not tell)
- A balanced argument on Tudor punishments.
- A complete non-chronological based on an endangered species.



Routines and Reminders

PE: Every Tuesday. Children should come to school in their school tracksuit (with the logo), white t-shirt and black trainers (if you do not have a school tracksuit please make sure the children are wearing plain black or navy sportswear and not a fashion tracksuit) on their PE day. School tracksuits can be purchased through ParentPay and we will hand it to your child.

Children will also do a shorter PE lesson with their class teacher on Mondays – please ensure children bring trainers to school.

Homework

Weekly spellings: These can be found on the school website (under the main heading Curriculum and Assessment and drop down to English) and the children will be tested on Fridays.

Daily reading: 20-30 minutes daily expectation.

Times Tables Rock Stars: This is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star children need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds! The goal is for all participating rockers to be Times Table Rock Stars after 20 weeks!

Set weekly and it runs from Saturday to Friday, everyone has 10 sessions on Garage to complete. That is 10 minutes a week, 2 minutes a day if you only do week days- so totally achievable.

Topic: A project each term will be set.

This term the project is based on Science and the children will be creating a replica of one of the human systems: skeletal system, circulatory system, respiratory system, digestive system, muscular system, nervous system etc.

This is due for the week after half term, beginning **21st February 2022**.

They children can choose whatever system they like and any way of creating it. It can be as large and as complex as they want, but it each part of the system must be explicit.

We want the children to come away from this project with a deeper understanding of one off the human systems: its function, how it works, key organ/ muscle/ bone names etc.

(Further detailed information will be sent separately to parents/carers.)

What else will be happening in the Curriculum?

RE

During our RE lessons this term, we will be focussing Living as a Buddhist and The Journey of Life and Death in the major religions.

PSHE

As part of our PSHE, we will be tailoring our sessions to address and explore topics that come up throughout the term. This will allow us to tackle these head-on and provide children with a platform to share their opinions, ideas and concerns in a safe environment.

Art/DT

The children are using the London based artist Lakwena Maciver as inspiration to create uplifting colourfully designed slogans with positive messages. Lakwena Maciver uses a particular system of design and colour which the year 6's will be using. Watch this space!

Music

This term we are focussing on rhythm and beat work. We will be reading from graphic scores (pictures of sound), standard notation, incorporating listening, playing as an ensemble, improvising and composing. We will be singing songs as a class, something much neglected over the pandemic, and re-tuning our ears and vocal chords.

PE

This term's focus:

Spring 1: Dance and Floor & Apparatus.

Spring 2: Tag rugby.

There will also be a bleep test once a term to assess the children's fitness progress.

All PE sessions will be skilled-based lessons involving minimal contact.

Spanish

Our topics are: 'Transport' where we will be looking at identifying different forms of transport and describing them and 'Countries, Languages and Nationalities'; we will be exploring opinions, different countries and languages.

Science

Our first topic is 'Living things and their Habitats', where we will be exploring the classification of living things, the Linnaean system of classification and microorganisms.

The second topic is 'Animals including Humans'. This will involve looking at the human body and learning about how different organs function, along with how drugs, alcohol and diet effect the body.

Computing

Our ICT sessions will cover E-Safety, Times Table Rock Stars and using different formats to present work.

Children will also have access to Chromebooks for research purposes.

How to help your child!

- Every week your child will be learning a new set of spellings. It is important that you learn these with your child as they will be tested the following week. Children were given the spelling sheet with the spellings up until October half term.
- It is important that you encourage your child to read daily; even better if they can read with/to you.
- Please practice times tables with your child.
- Please make sure that your child is not bringing their phone to school. We know that many children of this age will have phones and will be using messaging apps (many of which are age-restricted – we would encourage you to check on the apps your children are accessing). We encourage you to talk to your children regularly about the content of the messages they are sending so they understand about appropriate messaging.

Educational Visits in Year 6 this term:

Year 6 will be visiting the Tower of London in February for a workshop to explore the wives of Henry 8th as part of our topic unit. In March, we will also take part in an interactive virtual Tudor session on the Chromebooks, hosted by Tudor House and Garden (part of Southampton City Council).

A letter will follow confirming the dates of the above.