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Johanna Class Newsletter

Y6 Violet Class - Spring 2, 2022

Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to another new term.

The Government have confirmed that SATs are definitely back this year and will happen early in the summer term. The results however will not be reported nationally. If you have any questions about SATs please see one of us.

Paul and Leanne
Class Teachers

Theme

Just when we hope warmer weather is on the horizon, Year 6 will be thinking of colder places as we complete a study of the Arctic and Antarctic. We will find out how these places are the same and how they are different and how plants, animals and people manage to survive the extreme temperatures. We will learn about icebergs and glaciers and then link this back to the tragic events of April 1912 when the Titanic sank and many lost their lives.

Through this topic, we also take inspiration from the determination and leadership of explorer Ernest Shackleton. We will learn about his story and how he kept going when the challenges seemed insurmountable.



English

This term we will continue to read Goodnight Mr Tom as it is a long book and we did not manage to get through it last term.

In our reading skills sessions, we will be focusing on how to respond to comprehension questions requiring longer answers. Children will keep developing their skills in using evidence from a text and using phrases such as:

The text says _____ which suggests that _____

The text says _____ which creates the effect of _____

The text says _____ which implies that _____

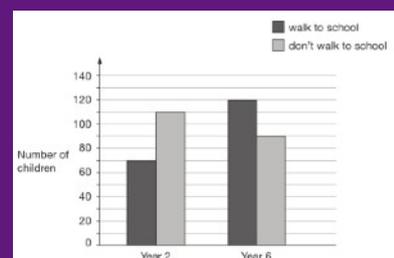
We will continue to write in a range of styles and for a range of purposes. I will begin to step away from 'The Write Stuff' approach so that the children can begin to write and start preparing portfolios for assessment later in the year.



Maths

This half-term in maths we will be covering more arithmetic to continue to practice these skills and secure them.

As the term progresses we will also focus in on mean average and statistics work, particularly looking at line graphs and a variety of less common ways of representing data.



We will also be covering some work around weights and measures and converting between them. Then finishing with some algebra!

Science

Science this term is a discrete subject about Evolution and Adaptation.

Building on earlier work around adaptations to fit the environment, we will learn about the process of evolution and how time has helped animals adapt to where they live.

We will look at Charles Darwin and how the fossil record provides evidence for evolution, the historical picture of evolution, how organisms have changed over time and the impact humans are having on the environment and are likely to have in the future.



R.E.

R.E. this term focuses on the theme of 'Teachings and Authority'. In the lead up to Easter, we look at some of the messages and methods of Jesus. We will look at why the Romans and the Jewish leaders didn't like what he had to say, and finally what other faiths have to say about his way of life.

Computing

Using the new Horizons iPads will be a big focus throughout the term. We are getting to grips with two apps called Showbie and Socrative. These are used to gather a portfolio of children's work and create quizzes to assess children's understanding. Eventually, we will open access to Showbie to parents but please ask your children to show you their Showbie account on their iPads.

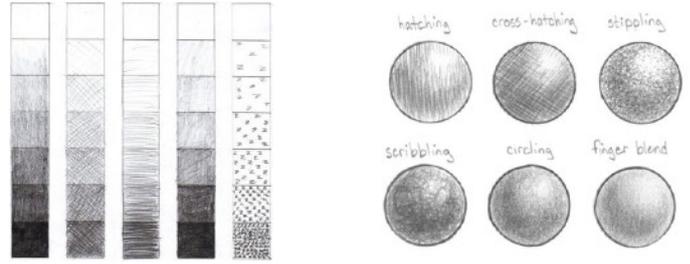
We will also explore data handling using computers and connect this to the work we are doing in maths.

Dates for Spring 2

Thurs 24th Feb	Chislehurst Caves Visit
Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day
Thurs 17th March	Matilda performance at Oasis South Bank
Tues 22 March Thurs 24 March	Parents evening
Friday 1st April	End of Term - Close at 1.30pm
Easter Holidays Mon 4th April to Mon 18th April 2022	
Tuesday 19th April	Children return to school

Art

Our art this term will be about creating pencil drawings. We will look at tone, shading and perspective as children work in their sketchbooks towards a final piece of work.



P.E.

PE this term is split in to two areas.

In our Tuesday session we will be taking part in Netball, developing the key skills required to play the game before taking part in games.

In Tag Rugby, children will be developing movement skills and learning the rules of the game.

PSHE

PSHE this term will involve lots of discussions around legal and illegal drugs and how all drugs can be harmful if not used safely. We consider the risks around unknown substances and talk about what they should do if they come across them. Children are informed, in an age appropriate manner, about edibles and vapes and some of the misconceptions around these. We also look at the consequences for anyone who is ever found with substances in their possession.

This term will also be our third annual visit from a charity called GAV (Growing Against Violence) who deliver excellent workshops aimed at preventing youth violence and protecting young people against exploitation by gangs.

I have been so impressed by their workshops in the past that they have agreed to run a parent version of the workshop for us as well on Tuesday 22nd March. This will mostly likely be online - more details to follow.

Homework

Each MONDAY we will collect in homework. Children will select a task from the 9 options and either complete it in exercise books or share work completed on the iPads.

Every day, children should:

- read their reading book for at least 10 mins
- Practise spellings

In addition, typically, the children do the following:

Maths: Sumdog and occasional work on Teams. Many children will also be given additional work around arithmetic to keep practicing.