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Johanna Class Newsletter

Y6 Violet Class: Autumn 1, 2022

 Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. We have some exciting things planned for this half term and some information that we would like to share with you.

Please do ask us if you would like to know anything more about what we are learning or doing this half term.

Have a great half term of learning,
Paul and Leanne
Class Teachers

English

In this newsletter, I will focus on our approach to reading. There are three key elements to our reading curriculum.

Read Aloud:

Previously known as 'Magic Minutes', this is the part of the day when adults read to the children. Through this, teachers are modelling fluency, expression and it forms a key part of building a love of reading. We have already started reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' and we are loving it already!

Comprehension Skills:

This is a daily comprehension lesson, similar in style to last year. We use a range of texts to rehearse all the individual skills that a confident reader needs.

Independent Reading:

Children read their own choice of book from home, from the school library or from e-platform / Wheelers. Children are then encouraged to take a quiz on the book in Accelerated Reader.

Kingswood

At the end of this half term will be our adventure to Kingswood - this is always a highlight of the year. We will be travelling on October the 17th and will be back on the 21st, at around the same time as school finishes.

We currently have the forms in place for only 12 children, so I am hoping that others will come flooding in very soon. I will send out some more more copies when I have the original. (Nicky was the Queen of Kingswood admin, so I am having to dig around a bit to find things.)

Please come and speak to Leanne, Paul or Louise if you have any questions or queries - our goal is that every child gets to have this experience and will join us.

Theme

The new Oasis Curriculum starts here!

Children across the school are starting the year with the theme of, 'Who am I and who am I becoming?' Read on to find out what this will look like for the children in year 6.

Maths

Year 6 maths does a lot of work building on learning from previous years and then we learn lots of brand new things too.

A large part of this first half-term is spent working on arithmetic and we will work hard to ensure that all children can add, subtract, multiply and divide with whole numbers up to 10 million, fractions and decimals. To support this, it is critical that we have basic skills such as times tables, number bonds and simple mental addition and subtraction absolutely secure. Any children that don't, will be working quickly on these in the first few weeks of the year in school and at home.

Alongside basic arithmetic, we will work a lot on applying number skills to problem solving and real life calculations. There are great opportunities to practice this when going to the shops or doing some online shopping. Calculating totals, multiples of an item and how much change or more money you would need.

Science

Our first science unit this year is about the heart, during which we learn about the different parts of the circulatory system and how they work together. We learn all about the structure of the heart, the main components of blood, and how we can make sensible choices to keep our hearts strong and healthy.

As well as building knowledge about the human body, we will also borrow dissection tools from Oasis Southbank and children will have the opportunity to carry out a heart dissection for themselves. The dissection is a fascinating learning experience and is carried out respectfully, within a controlled environment. The children are given clear, step by step instructions and it is the perfect opportunity to apply all they have learnt to a hands-on experience.



R.E.

This term we are learning about Buddhism and exploring the similarities and differences with other world religions. We will be answering big questions about belonging and how people with faith consider who they want to be and how it shapes their lives. Children will reflect upon who they are becoming and how they can belong in a diverse world.

Art

We will learn about art from different perspectives this term. We will learn technical art skills using soft pastel techniques and sketching. We will carry out an artist study of Da Vinci and consider the possibilities of expressing ourselves through art.

Computing

Computing this year will be largely focussed on the two key threads coding and elements of e-safety.

The e-safety focus this term will be focussed on the importance of our online reputation.

P.E.

Our two units in PE will focus on Fitness and Healthy Lifestyles and Basketball.

In our Fitness sessions we will develop our understanding of the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. We will be undertaking a range of physical activities and develop our understanding of our personal fitness goals.

In Basketball we will focus on object control in a sport that will be newer to some. We will gradually learn the rules of basketball and work towards competitive games.

PSHE

Our PSHE Theme is Who Am I and Who Am I Becoming? We will look at how the internet can positively and negatively affect our thoughts, feelings and mental health. We will also develop our strategies and behaviours that support our mental health in relation to negative thoughts.

Dates for Autumn 1

29th September	Harvest Assembly
7th October	National Poetry Day
14th October	School Closed - INSET
17th October to 21st October	Kingswood
21st October	Last Day of Half Term
School reopens Monday 31st October 2022	

Homework

Homework will follow the same format as previous years with nine activity options and children choose one per week. We will send these home once they are set up.

Spellings have been set up on Spelling Shed. Children have QR codes and log ins for this already. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Every day, children should also:

- Read their reading book for at least 10 min
- Practice maths on Sumdog and Times Table Rockstars