



Oasis Academy

Johanna Class Newsletter

Y6 Violet Class: Autumn 1, 2023

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.

Personal Development

This term, we are learning about how to challenge negative thoughts and self image. We will learn about the stereotyping and discrimination and how to recognise and challenge it. We will also be spending some time learning about how spending time on the internet can positively and negatively influence our mental health.

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:

This is the lovely 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 reading skills lesson in the afternoon. 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 16th and will be back on the 20th, at around the same time as school finishes.

You will be aware that we have a new admin team, so please bear with them as they figure out the formal paperwork and costings. Families have until the end of the year to pay in instalments if they prefer, so there is no immediate rush.

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

Theme: Who am I and who am I becoming?

We are in our second year of the Oasis Curriculum and children across the school are starting the year with the theme, '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, including 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 are not fully secure, 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.



Computing

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

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

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.



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 (Term 1)

Tue 21st Sep	Unicorn Theatre
Thurs 12th Oct	Individual and sibling school photos
Fri 13th Oct	School Closed - INSET
Mon 16th Oct	Kingswood Trip (1 week)
TBC	Y6 Parents Evenings
Fri 20th Oct	Last day: 3.15pm finish

**Half Term Holidays
Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th October**

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.

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 and fill in reading record every day.
- Practice maths on Sumdog and Times Table Rockstars.

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.

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Dear parents/carers,

This term our trip is to: **Unicorn Theatre**

When? Tuesday 26th September

What time? Leave 9.00 am – Return 12.00

How? Walk

How much? No cost

Lunch? In School for Lunch

Wear? Uniform



Please return this slip by Friday 15th September.

Child's name: _____

Class: ___ **Year 6 Violet** _____

Signed _____

Date _____