

Mablins Lane C.P.School



Autumn Term Curriculum Slice Year 6

Teachers

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6. We hope that everyone enjoyed the summer holidays. We have a very busy and enjoyable year ahead of us and we would like to share some information which you will find useful and which will help you support your child during the next year in school.

- Please send a P.E. kit into school in a small bag. It is useful to have kit in school all week. Children are not allowed to take part in PE wearing jewellery; earrings **must** be removed by your child or simply not worn on the day of P.E. Year 6 P.E. will be taught on Monday and Friday afternoons.*
- Please ensure that homework diaries come into school every day so that we can use them to communicate with you if and when the need arises. The diaries will be signed each week by the class teacher and an adult at home.*
- Please continue to read with your child on a regular basis and record this in their homework diary.*
- Homework will be set on a Friday and needs to be completed and returned to school or completed on computer by the following Tuesday*
- Your child will have weekly tables tests and will know which times table they need to practise. Try 'firing' random tables questions at your child so they can practise their speed and accuracy.*
- Periodically children will be given spellings to learn. In the back of the reading diary you will be able to find the recommended lists for Upper Key Stage 2 Spellings.*

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Context for Learning: The Power Of Nature (Science and Geography)

The evolution of humans and animals.

Darwin's theory of Evolution.

Map skills- tectonic plates and continental drift.

The effects of natural disasters such as flooding (e.g. Lake District floods 2015)

Climate zones.

English

Our class reader this term a book called Survivors - Extraordinary tales from the wild and beyond (David Long). This book complements our topic and provides exciting stimulus for teaching English, grammar and reading skills. We shall also be covering a number of writing skills through narrative, recounts and information texts. We shall also be doing weekly SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) sessions.



English homework:

Your child will receive English or SPaG homework. It is expected that you will read with your child and encourage him/her to read independently. Your child will also receive spellings to learn.

In addition to this there will be specific topic related homework.



Maths

Mathematics will be taught in three blocks during the Autumn term and your child will study the following topics:

Number-place value

Number-addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Fractions

We will approach our Mathematical learning through concrete, pictorial and abstract representations to account for all learning styles. Wherever possible we will link our Mathematical skills to our topic and 'real-life' problems to make learning meaningful and purposeful. Mental Arithmetic will hold a strong emphasis throughout; your child will be tested periodically.

Maths homework:

As mentioned, your child will learn tables at home and will be tested weekly. Teachers will record results and praise your child as they improve their personal best. Your child will continue to receive My Maths homework weekly.

Curriculum

We deliver a creative curriculum which also includes religious education, design and technology, computing, science, arts and music. Examples:



Design and Technology: Making models of 'our-creatures'. We shall also be doing some paper engineering.

Music: We shall be having a weekly session with our specialist music teacher (Mrs. Brown). We shall be learning about rhythm, beat, music notation and styles of music including **rock**.



Residential: Of course we have our very exciting week of activities in the wonderful Lake District!

Trips, Events and visitors: We shall also be taking a visit to Coppenhall Methodist Church during the Christmas period. As other events happen around school we will keep you informed.