



**Year 6
Newsletter
Autumn 1
2018**

Our topic this half term is:

Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg)



The Year 6 topic for Autumn will be Benelux. Children will learn about the landscape, climate, geography and people of the region.

The year 6 Team:

**Mandela Class: Ms Chambers
Pankhurst Class: Mr Foster**

Important Dates

PE is once a week on a **Monday afternoon**. Please ensure your child brings their kit to school on this day and label all items with their name.

Library

Mandela Class: Wednesday afternoon
Pankhurst Class: Wednesday afternoon

Homework: Homework is sent out each **Friday**, due back by the following **Tuesday**. Spelling and times tables tests are on Fridays. Children should be reading at home each day.

Maths



In Maths, some of the topics we will be covering this half term are:

- Place value of tens of millions numbers
- Rounding whole numbers and decimals
- Counting through zero in negative numbers, forwards and back.
- Mental maths (all four operations)
- Formal written methods across all four operations.
- Multi-step problem solving using bar modelling.
- Fractions (equivalence, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing)

English

We will be looking at a range of different genres in English and will write for a range of purposes including persuasive letters, stories, newspaper articles and poems.

We will study the book 'Alex Rider: Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz for the first part of the half term.

We will read a wide range of text types in our reading sessions focusing on retrieving information and reading between the lines.

There will also be daily practice of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, small focus groups for reading, after school book club and the school magazine.

Science

In Science this half term, Year 6 are learning about Evolution and Inheritance. During this topic, some of the things we'll be learning about are:

- Recognising that characteristics are passed down to off-spring from their parents.
- Understanding how animals are adapted to suit their environment.
- Identifying key ideas from the theory of evolution and its proponents.
- How fossils are formed.

Humanities and Topic

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about tackling bullying, team-work, democracy and citizenship.

Art

In art, children will create still life pop-art models and portraits following a study of Arcimboldo.



Computing

In computing this half term, children will learn how to develop phone apps for different purposes. They will also cover several lessons on e-safety.



R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Hinduism and visiting a Mandir to observe worship and research festivals and traditions linked to Hinduism.



Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

It is also crucial that your child knows all their times tables up to 12 x 12, including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g. $3 \times 4 = 12$ so $12/4 = 3$). Knowing this helps them in all areas of their maths learning.

Reading



It is important that your child reads for 10-20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly.

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

Autumn 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.

SATS meeting: 17th Sept 3:30pm & 6:00pm

Kingswood meeting: 17th Sept 3:30pm & 6:00pm

Thursday 13th September Roald Dahl Day

Tuesday 18th September 09:00—09:30

Coffee Morning (SPLD—Dyslexia) with Specialist
20th September 2018 15:30—16:00

Meet the Teacher Y4, Y5 and Y6.



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at hometime or via the school office.

