



COBHAM
Primary School



Year 6 Newsletter

Spring Term 3 2020

Dear Parents & Children of Year 6,

A Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and indulged in all your Christmas treats! Mrs Kelly, Mrs Lyons and I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous thank you for our generous gifts; it was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

I hope you all have had a fantastic break and now ready for the year ahead! We have lots of amazing learning opportunities in the coming terms. I am sure the children will continue to work as hard as they have done in the first two terms.

English

In *English* we will be studying indispensable texts with challenging story lines, such as **The Highwayman, Two Weeks with the Queen, Wonder and Cats The Musical** to stimulate writing opportunities. Through these texts the children will be writing in a variety of styles and genres both in fiction and non-fiction. They will be using more complex sentence structures, increasingly advanced vocabulary and punctuation. It is still vitally important that children keep up the reading and learning of their spellings, to complement their writing. The progress they have all made so far within their writing is fantastic and it is really exciting to think where we are going to next!

Reading still remains a huge priority in Year 6. The children **must** read daily. Most children in the class are well on their way to earning their third reading certificate which is AMAZING!

Spellings as normal will be learnt weekly. The children are given them on a Friday and they have a series of activities that assist their understanding and use of the new words. The tasks must all be completed by the following Thursday and handed in weekly. The spelling test is first thing on Thursday morning!

Maths

In *Mathematics*, we have lots of new concepts to learn and lots of new challenges to explore. The children will consolidate a lot of their wonderful mathematical skills including: rounding decimals to one, two and three decimal places, probability, mean, mode and median, proper and improper fractions and how to add and multiply fractions, working with more complex percentages, decimals and fractions along with shape, angles and word problems. They will be exploring how to apply this

basic understanding to a range of different problem-solving situations. We will continue to develop our understanding to work with larger numbers in different concepts, moving onto solving two and three step word problems. Times tables still remain a large element in the children's mental maths skills, thus it is imperative that the children continue to learn and practice these at home!

Science

Science is Fun! Fun! Fun! Our topic is Evolution and Inheritance where we will be exploring the wonderful world of fossils, adaptation and family tree history. This Topic is covered in great detail and will last over two terms. We will be exploring the well-known work of famous Scientists and Historians within this topic. We will also look closely at using all of our investigative skills to solve problems using scientific language and methods.

History

Our History moves onto the amazing topic of Crime and Punishment in Term 3. The children will explore Crime and Punishment through the ages in British history. I know the children are going to love it and they definitely love their history.

Art

In Art we will be continuing to develop our illusionist art skills using a range of different mediums in Term 3. The children will be using a range of different mediums (including pastels and charcoals) to create their different pieces of art work!

RE

RE is the study of exploring the importance of art and architecture and generosity and kindness exploring the main themes within two different religions and cultures. It is a fascinating topic and will give the children time to explore their own understanding and questions about religion.

French

In French we will carry on with our fun, interactive Tout le Monde programme.

PSHE

PSHE will be looking at our topic of 'Living in the Wider World and Economical Choices. The children will explore this topic through a range of activities to develop their understanding further.

PE

PE will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. On Friday the children will be working on building fitness skills and Wednesday the children will be working on skills with Premier Sports. The children are lucky to have the coaching skills from the Premier Sports Coach developing and learning new sporting techniques.

PE Kits

The children should all have a full PE kit at school for outdoor and indoor PE. Can you please ensure they have full PE kits with necessary items for all weather PE activities please! This is the only thing I ask of you wonderful parents; the rest is on the children!!!

Homework

The new Homework timetable for Year 6 is outlined below. I have made some changes to accommodate the next step of Class 6 learning. As well as allow children to understand they need to organise their time to make sure all homework is completed by set days. Three main homework tasks are given each week for the coming terms now and are expected back in on the set days outlined in the table below. For all of the other activities, the children are given from 8.45am until 9.05am every morning to give them time to complete their spelling contract and to reduce the amount of work to be done at home. Therefore, the more work completed within this time, the less work comes home.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling contract (Due in Thursday)	 Find 10 dictionary definitions using a dictionary carefully!	 Look, say, cover, write and check	 Put 10 of the words into detailed sentences that actually make sense! Get your mums or dads to read the sentences and initial them to show they make sense!	Spelling test in school	 Write out your spellings three times Now add a suffix or a prefix to 3 words
Maths (Due in Monday)					
Reading					
English/Cross Curricular (Due in the following Tuesday)					

The children were absolutely amazing at completing their homework in Terms 1 and 2, and I know they will continue to be fantastic with your support as their homework is stepped up ready for secondary school. The children know that as long as they tackle the homework with 100% effort and 'have a go' then I am happy with their achievements. Repeatedly not completing homework or forgetting to hand it in will result in the children missing playtimes or lunchtimes to complete their homework. Please, also as part of their learning in organisation and self reliance, encourage the children to inform me of problems with homework and I will happily spend time with them again.

As always, your continued encouragement and support is vital to your child's success. If there are any worries or problems please **DO NOT** hesitate to contact me straight away. Either a note in your child's contact book, email or feel free to come and see me after school. I am certain that we will continue to have a fantastic year and I look forward to the wonderful challenges and excitement that we have to come!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Rose and Mrs Kelly