

Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome back to school and the beginning of Year 6. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and the children are refreshed and raring to go this term. We certainly are! We are really excited about supporting your child through their final year of primary school and preparing them for the future which begins with our residential to Kingswood. This trip will enable the children to become more independent and embrace challenge, something that we will be promoting throughout the year. We will do everything we can to ensure that this is an unforgettable year and appreciate your continued support throughout. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email or make an appointment via the office. We look forward to working with you.

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Extreme Earth

Our topic across the curriculum this term will be mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. Through our geography work we will learn about how the Earth is structured to help the children to understand continental drift and about the formation of mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. The children will use maps, atlases and globes to locate countries and describe their physical features. They will also learn about lines of latitude and longitude and understand why we have different times zones around the world.

Homework

Guided Reading: Set: Monday, Due: Thursday

Maths: Set: Monday Due: Following Monday

Please continue to ensure your child completes their homework (usually set via Google Classrooms/LBQ) and to ensure it is handed in on time. They should spend no longer than 40 minutes on each, in addition to reading. We would very much appreciate you continuing to read with and to your child regularly as it really does make a difference. We will also be promoting reading for pleasure throughout the year.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 9th September: Guided reading starts
Thursday 12th September: Kingswood parent meeting 6pm
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th September: Kingswood
Monday 14th October: Individual photos
Friday 18th October: Harvest Festival
Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October: Parents evenings
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: Half term
Monday 4th November: Inset day
Monday 11th – Friday 15th November: Anti Bullying week
Thursday 28th November: Christmas post box opens
Thursday 12th December: Christmas dinner day
Tuesday 17th December: Year 6 disco 4:30-6:30pm



Guided Reading

Our weekly guided reading sessions are an opportunity to introduce children to a variety of engaging books and texts in a small group. Led by an adult, we develop understanding of vocabulary, deduction, inference and comprehension skills. The children will receive homework activities on a Monday, which will need to be completed by the Thursday of the same week. It must be completed as it will form part of the following week's group discussion.

Computing

We will continue to look at e-safety and understanding the importance of keeping safe online. Your support with this is vital and we greatly appreciate it. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of monitoring children's use of social media, including messaging apps.

In our coding lessons, the children will also have the opportunity to use a program called Scratch to create their own volcano-themed

Life Skills

Now, more than ever, children's mental well-being is vitally important. Throughout this year, we will teach the children how to manage their emotions (of which there are bound to be plenty!) as well as teaching them about building relationships with each other both on and offline. We will teach them how to respect each other by looking at prejudices and stereotypes.

P.E.

We begin our PE this term with gymnastics followed by tennis, netball and finally dance. In dance, the children will be learning the Haka which will lead them to create their own warrior dance. Tennis and netball will be the main outdoor activities where the children will learn, practise and consolidate their control of the ball and learn tactics for strategic play. We will hopefully be taking the children to the Wickham Bishops tennis courts to complete our tennis lessons. In gymnastics, the children will refine handstands and cartwheels.

English

Through our own love of reading (especially children's books) we will be aiming to further instil a love of reading in the children and show them why reading is an essential skill. We will be encouraging children to browse and read the wide range of books that we have amassed in our reading corners and introduce different texts and genres to them.

In our writing sessions, children will have the opportunity showcase their excellent writing skills when creating a biography about famous dinosaur-discoverer, Mary Anning. Children will also be using persuasive language techniques to create a script for a vlog!

Maths

In maths, we want the children to develop confidence and independence when using and applying taught concepts. Emphasis will be placed on securing written methods for the four operations so that the children can apply their mathematical skills in real life contexts. The children will also be asked to reason and justify their answers - watch out children- it's not just about what you know, but how you can explain it too!

RE

We will be exploring how different Christian beliefs impact on practices by investigating a variety of different denominations and how they worship around the world. We will also be delving into philosophy, focusing on what it means to be a good person and lead a happy life.

DT

The children will investigate how gears and pulleys work and use these mechanisms to make a model 'Lava-sampler'.

Let's hope they can make it out of the volcanoes!

Music

In class the children will be planning, composing and performing music to represent a volcano's eruption. The children will have the opportunity to use untuned instruments and create a graphic score to represent the composition they make.

Science

In Science, the children will be investigating how living things on Earth have changed, understanding how fossils are used to tell us about the past and how animals have adapted to suit their environment. Later in the term, we will explore evolution and inheritance using Mr Men characteristics!