

Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome back to school and the beginning of Year 6. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and 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 with 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 the same week

Maths: Set: Monday Due: Following Monday

Please continue to ensure your child to complete their homework (usually set via Google Classrooms/My Maths) 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 11th September: Guided reading starts

Thursday 14th September: Kingswood parent meeting 6pm

Monday 25th September – Friday 29th September: Kingswood

Friday 13th October: Harvest Festival

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October: Parents evenings

Monday 23rd October – 29th October: Half term

Monday 30th October – Inset day

Monday 13th – Friday 17th November: Anti Bullying week

Tuesday 20th December: Last day of autumn term

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 throughout the term understanding the importance of keeping safe online. Your support with this is vital. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of monitoring children's use of social media. The children will also have the opportunity to use a program called Scratch to create their own volcano-themed game/animation.

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 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. During the year, 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 Christian 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 leading 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 un-tuned 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!