

Welcome to Year 6!

We hope the children are raring to go and are eager to learn all about the exciting topics we have to offer in Year 6 which include, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and evolution.

Year 6 is a busy year where the children are not only given exciting learning opportunities but also are prepared for the end of key stage tests (SATs) and for secondary school. This will include giving the children more responsibility for their own learning and actions. We would appreciate your support at home by encouraging your child to become more organised, for example by completing homework independently and ensuring they are ready for school every day. Our residential trip to Kingswood, at the beginning of the year, will help to promote this independence and will give the children the opportunity to challenge and enjoy themselves.

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to email us or make an appointment via the office. We are looking forward to working with you all.

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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 encourage 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. 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 12th September: Guided reading starts

Thursday 15th September: Kingswood parent meeting 6pm

Monday 26th September - Friday 30th September: Kingswood

Friday 7th October: Harvest Festival

Wednesday 12th October: Individual photos

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October: Parents evenings

Monday 24th October - 28th October: Half term

Monday 14th - 18th 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. Please monitor your child'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 dance followed by tennis, netball and finally gymnastics. 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. 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 to have. 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. Continuing from Year 5, the children will further develop their writing skills and will be given opportunities to write about their own interests.

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!

R E

The focus this term will be on Buddhism and Christianity. In the first term they will be learning about the Buddha's early life, the Middle Way and enlightenment. Then after half term, we will look at different denominations and associated practices of Christianity.

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 on in the term, we will explore evolution and inheritance using Mr Men characteristics!