

Y6 Information for Parents

Spring 1 Term 2018

General Information

Class 6C – Miss Cox

Class 6T – Mr Tomes

Welcome back for the start of a new term. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. The new term will see lots of hard work and exciting topics in Year 6. This term will continue to develop the children's confidence and skills through our creative curriculum and will also begin to get them familiar and confident with test-style questions to ensure they can apply all of their knowledge. This will be achieved through our new 'Friday Challenge' where the children will take mini tests in the hope of moving around the class 'racetrack' in order to win prizes for their achievements! We hope you, as parents, will enjoy being involved in this year too and will work together with us to make it a success. Parentmail is used as a regular communication tool; we would encourage that, if you are not already signed up, you contact the office in order to do so.

Your child will receive regular homework in the form of a maths game online from Abacus, as well as weekly spellings and reading for pleasure to be continued at home. Homework will be set on a Friday and collected in the following Wednesday in homework journals. Spellings are tested on Wednesday too and are in the form of 5 words linked to our spelling taught during lessons. This term we will also be encouraging the use of the C.G.P Key Stage 2 Maths Question Book as a revision guide and homework tool to build confidence for the S.A.T.s. A separate letter and order form has been sent home with more information about this.

Miss Cox and Mr Tomes are keen to work in a partnership with you. We are very happy for you to support homework, although if you really feel that your child has found it hard, we would be grateful if you could let us know. Please feel free to make after school appointments if you wish to discuss any problems or queries you may have.

Creative curriculum at Fairfields

Every class is enjoying a creative approach to learning where the majority of topics are taught through a key theme. This term Year 6 are linking all learning around the theme of **Evolution**. They will be exploring the formation of islands and the earth's original land formation in geography; the links between fossils, inheritance and ancestry in science, as well as how all of these topics contribute to our understanding of the world now. Your child will explore the technique of printing in art and Philippino sounds in music, in addition to Basketball and dance in P.E. The English side of the curriculum will focus upon the book 'The Island at the End of Everything' by K.M. Hargrave and this has a strong focus on leprosy and relationships; linking fittingly with the topic of Evolution. All of these topics have the aim of making the curriculum as engaging as possible. The mind map below will give you even more detail as to what learning is planned this term.



There will also be more opportunities for parents to visit Year 6 and see for themselves what we have been creating and learning.

Some learning however will be separate from our evolution topic such as:

Mathematics

During our mathematics sessions, the children will work on mental and oral strategies for calculations.

They will be looking at fractions and decimal equivalents and use this understanding, along with the four rules of number, to solve real life problems.

The curriculum has an emphasis on mastery so children need to be able to apply their knowledge. We will also work on formal written methods of arithmetic and properties of 2D shapes. For maths homework, the children will be playing maths games, or tackling SATs style questions. If you find that you need to help your child with a particular concept, it would be great if you could remind them of this on another occasion, maybe with a spot quiz on the way to school!



Religious Education

Our faith and belief projects for the Spring Term are 'Sacred texts' – the Bible and the Quran and 'Resurrection'. Both of these themes will encourage the children to think of their own response to these ideas and apply and challenge their own views.

Physical Education

Physical activities will be on Monday/Thursday and Tuesday, although we do request that kit is in school every day. We will be starting with basketball at QMC and dance with Tracey.

PSHE

Personal, social and health education will be taught through our Jigsaw programme of study which uses a mindful approach to allow pupils to relax and really reflect on their thoughts, feelings and beliefs. This term learning will focus on the theme 'Dreams and Goals' which aims to get the children to think of their strengths and set achievable and aspirational goals for their future.

Useful websites

Please contact us if you have any queries about the curriculum. If you would like additional activities for the children to undertake at home, we have a number of subscriptions that your children can access.

www.numbergym.co.uk

We have subscribed to BondBuilder and TableTrainer which will provide mental arithmetic opportunities at home.

Fairfields-hampshire.frogos.net

As mentioned before, this provides a vast selection of quizzes in all areas of the curriculum.

www.planetsherston.com

This provides an opportunity to earn 'space bits' through completing curricular challenges.

www.mathletics.co.uk

Curricular mathematics activities are available on this site.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

This is the Abacus homework link.

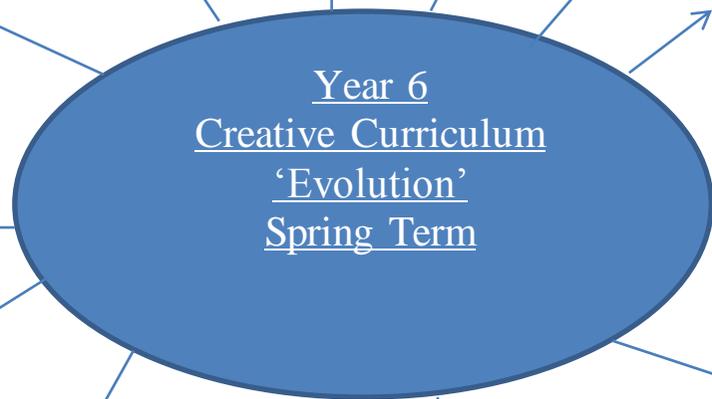
<https://trockstars.com>

Times Table practise for your children. Each have their own login to access site.

Yours sincerely

Miss B. Cox

Mr J. Tomes



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- Textiles – designing and sewing a Mayan Calendar

French



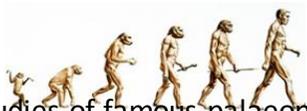
- The world around us
- Our school

Writing



- Based on the book 'The Island at the End of Everything' by K.M Hargrave.
- Formal and informal letter writing.
- Poetry linked to the natural world
- Biographies about famous palaeontologists.

History



- Studies of famous palaeontologists
- Asking enquiry questions
- Using primary and secondary sources
- The evolution of living things through time.
- The ancient Mayan civilization

P.E



- Basketball at QMC
- Dance

Art



- Building intricate patterns
- Using the image of a butterfly to print and make patterns.
- Silkscreen painting
- The artist J.M.W Turner and watercolour landscapes.

Geography



- How the Planet Earth has evolved.
- How islands are formed
- Plate tectonics
- Geographical sections of the world located using map skills.

PSHE



- Dreams and goals.
- How these change over time.

Music

- The sounds from different cultures including the Philippines.
- The evolution of music genres.



FAB



- Sacred texts
- Resurrection

Computing



- The evolution of the internet and search engines.

Science



- Evolution
- Inheritance and ancestry
- How animals adapt to their environments.
- Famous theories and discoveries of Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and Alfred Russel Wallace.
- Fossils and what they tell us about the past.