



Colney Heath Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Clark

YEAR 6

Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term

Welcome back to school Year 6, to your final year at Colney Heath. We have a jammed packed, exciting year ahead of us full of learning opportunities before you spread your wings and embark on your secondary school adventures.

Parents, there may be things you would like me to know and help you with. Please do get in touch with me if you feel you have important information you wish to share. I will do my best to help you, and your child. The quickest way to communicate with me is to send an email to yr6@colneyheath.herts.sch.uk from the address you wish me to use, so that I can contact you. Include your child's name in the subject line.

Important information that is relevant for same-day things e.g. dentist appointments/ pick-up arrangements/ details about equipment etc should be notified to the office, as the email address may not be checked during the working day. I will try to respond as soon as possible, and within 48 hours during the working week, even if it is just to arrange a suitable time to talk or give a further response. Replies may not be sent overnight or weekends.

English



In English this term, we will be writing a range of genres using 'Out of the Blue' and 'Night of the Gargoyles' and 'Planetarium' During these units, we will have many opportunities for discussion and vocabulary building, before revising sentence constructions - the building

Maths



In maths this term, we will be exploring and securing our knowledge of place value up to 10,000,000 and with three decimal places before revising and building on our learning in Year 5 on formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



Guided Reading

We will be enhancing our skills in vocabulary inferencing, predicting, explaining, retrieval, summarising using extracts from a variety of texts.



Science

We will be exploring evolution this term. Identifying how Darwin identified how living things evolved over time and adapted to their environment. We will also look at inheritance of traits and characteristics offspring get from their parents.



Homework

Reading remains the most important daily homework exercise. Children are expected to at least 4 times a week for around 15 minutes. This should ideally be as a combination of reading to someone, discussing the text- either the plot or characters, and exploring new vocabulary, if necessary. Please sign the Reading Record, as we will monitor the children's books daily.

Each week there will be **3 homework exercise books sent home: Reading, Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation** (known as SPAG) Each book contains a series of tests, with 10 questions per test. Children should do one test per week in each book. The books will come home on a Wednesday. The children will be told the test that needs to be done that week, and should be returned to school on the following Wednesday. The answers for each test are at the back of the books (you may wish to remove these) Please mark the tests with your child. Give them an opportunity to correct any mistakes on their own, in another colour (rather than rub it out) before providing support. If your child is still struggling with certain questions, mark these with a star. This will be addressed on Thursday lunchtime in school. If more input is needed, we will address this as a whole class. We may also leave it if it is to be covered later in the year. Previous year groups have found these books very useful. Parents have said that they enable them to see what the Year 6 curriculum requires, how their child is doing, areas they are successful in and where they may require further development and give them the opportunity to work with their child. It is very important to note that the books use examples from the whole Year 6 curriculum, and especially the Maths book, which means that some content may not have been covered yet.

TTRockstars is also expected to be accessed by the children at least 3 times a week.

Spellings will be given on a Friday and will be tested on the following Friday. The children will have 5 spellings for the spelling pattern to learn, and they will be tested on them plus an additional five following the same pattern.

PE: We will be enhancing our skills and knowledge of gymnastics, Tag Rugby, Hockey and gymnastics this term. PE will take place every Tuesday and Friday-please ensure you have the correct kit **every week** including trainers and a warm jumper.

Geography: Marine biomes, is our focus this term, we will be exploring using our investigative and reasoning skills.

RE: We will be learning all about the beliefs and practices of Buddhism and comparing these to Christianity.

PSHE: This term we will be focussing on ourselves in the world. Looking at our goals and how we respond to different situations.

Computing: We will be creating programmes using coding and learning more about online safety

DT: We will be using a CAD design programme to design a cushion and use our sewing skills to create it.

PLEASE CAN YOUR CHILD BRING IN A PLAIN PILLOWCASE ASAP

Art: Collage using a range of materials and skills to create a variety of collages.

French: We will be learning French vocabulary based around the planets and ourselves.

Music: We will be exploring jazz and the song 'Happy'



Key Dates for Year 6

1st September 2024- Parent Meeting (2:45 Year 6 Classroom)

27th September 2024- Crucial Crew Trip (Am only)

26th September 2024- Year 6 Class Assembly

9th October 2024- Natural History Museum (Out of school)

31st October 2024 - Deadline for Secondary school Applications

The Team



Class Teacher- Miss Dockrell

Cover Teacher (Weds am) - Mrs Billing

TA: Mrs Mulvaney (Tues and Thurs all day)

As the term progresses, I will send further information. I am looking forward to all the many activities and events that make Year 6 special and working with you, for your child. Please do get in touch if you have questions or concerns.

Miss Dockrell