



Colney Heath Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Clark

YEAR 6

Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term

Welcome back to school Year 6, I hope you all had a restful Christmas and New Year and are all ready and raring to go for the Spring term.

Parents, there may be things you want 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. cancelled meetings, 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 information texts using 'The Spiderwick Chronicals'. We will also be writing balanced arguments and looking at famous speeches. During these units, we will have many opportunities for discussion and vocabulary building, before revising sentence constructions - the building blocks of writing.

Maths



In maths this term, we will continue to consolidate our use of formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be learning about order of operations, ratio, algebra and mean as well as revising over perimeter and area and applying these skills when solving problems.



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 electricity this term. Learning more about how to build and adapt a circuit as well as famous people who discovered elements of electricity. The children will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge in investigations.



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.

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 children will complete the next test each week, and books should be in school every Wednesday to be checked. 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 a Wednesday 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. 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 Wednesday and will be tested on the following Wednesday. The children will have 10 spellings following a spelling pattern to learn.

PE: We will be enhancing our skills and knowledge of dance, orienteering and Tag Rugby this term. PE will take place every Tuesday and Thursday-please ensure you have the correct kit including trainers.

History: We will be learning about the way of life of an Anglo Saxon and Viking and their impact on Britain.

RE: We continue to learn all about the beliefs and practices of Buddhism and comparing these to Christianity.

PSHE: This term we will be focussing on our dream and goals. Looking at our goals and how we can achieve these.

Computing: We will be creating spreadsheets and blogs around a variety of topics,

DT: We will be transferring our skills in circuit building to make an electronic game.

Art: We will be learning about printing and making a lino tile.

French: We will be learning French vocabulary based around several topics.

Music: We will be exploring drumming and performing as a class.



Key Dates for Year 6

14th January - Anglo Saxon workshop

11th and 13th February - Parents Evening

14th February - Our Class assembly and visit back into the class.

17th-21st February - Half Term

4th March- End of Term finish at 1:30pm

The Team



Class Teacher-Miss Dockrell

TAs: Mrs Mulvany (Tues and Thurs)

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