

YEAR 6 SPRING 1 CURRICULUM NEWS

Dates for this half-term.

6/01– Start of term.

13/01– Launch of cross PCLC primary schools reading competition.

20/01– Charity day– wear PJS, bring a blanket and a toy animal for HEART charity (Local Harlow Animal Charity)

22/01– Young Voices Trip

23/01– Sibling school photos

31/01– Inset day: school closed to pupils.

03/02– Children's Mental Health Week

10/02– PCLC Spelling Bee Launch (R-6)

11/02 Online Safety Day

14/01– Last day of half term– normal finish time. Pre-loved uniform sale in small hall (3pm)

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and we thank you for the lovely cards and gifts we received!

The topic this term is 'What is it that defines me?'. In this topic, pupils learn how to understand their own sense of identity. We will be looking at our own self-image and the impact of social media and social influencers. We will then be looking at famous designers and designing and making our own clothing product.

Reading Expectations

We ask that the children are reading every night. This will not only help with their reading ability but will also help extend their vocabulary. Reading does not need to be a chore; it can be anything the children enjoy!

Please ensure that the children are also learning their spellings. These spellings are very important in year 6 as they link

Willow Routine:

Friday: Homework and reading diaries due in.

PE Day.

Yew Routine:

Tuesday: Homework and reading diaries due in.

PE Day.

PSHE—Our PSHE is based on self image and identity. This will be taught through our Experience topic.

Maths

We are going to be using the scheme 'White Rose' This scheme helps to develop children's reasoning skills. This term we are going to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages, measurement and geometry.

It is very important that the children know all of their times tables, squared and cubed numbers, so please practise these at home.

Computing— In Computing, the children will be carrying on designing their webpages and looking at how we communicate online.

Science

This term we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance. We will be looking at how adaptations help animals survive, what fossils can tell us, how genetics work, why animals can look different to their parents and the work of Mary Anning. We will be doing lots of practical activities including creating our own fossils and dissecting the DNA of a banana.

PE

In PE lessons, the children are going to be doing hockey. We ask that full P.E kit is kept in school and all jewellery is removed for each session. If for any reason your child cannot take part in a lesson, they must have a note to explain why. Remember that keeping active is important for health and wellbeing.

English writing, reading and SPAG.

This term we will be focusing on our writing. We are starting off by writing a narrative. We will also write newspapers, information texts and much more.

Reading will take place daily and will focus on developing the skills that will be assessed at the end of Yr 6.

SPELLINGS:

As a school, we are starting a new spelling scheme and therefore the way we will be learning and assessing is going to slightly change. Each week, the spelling list will have a rule that they follow. Your child will be tested on the weeks spelling, before seeing them. They will then learn the rule and complete work in class, as well as having time to practise at school and home. The following week, they will then be tested on the same spellings again to see if there has been improvement. Also, inside your child's homework book there is a list of statutory year group words. Please look at these with your child, so they are familiarised with them, as these are the words we are expecting to see in their writing.