

Oak Class Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6! I am looking forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Year 6 is a unique and very special year, where life long memories are made, futures decided upon and many traditions are participated in for the last time. For some parents it is the end of an era being part of Newington School. I look forward to working in cooperation with you all to make this year memorable for your child!

In addition to myself, we will have Mrs Weight as our full time Learning Support Assistant. I will be teaching both PE sessions this year, on a Monday and a Tuesday afternoon – though we are very lucky to start the term with rugby coaching from Sittingbourne Rugby Club. Please make sure that your children have the correct uniform in school and they are able to take out their own earrings or they are left at home on PE days.

Here is a brief outline of this terms learning.

- **English.** Our writing will be based upon our reading of our class novel Street Child. We will use our reading to write scripts and historical narratives. In our Grammar lessons will be revisiting nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, articles and adjectives.
- **Maths.** We will be focusing on place value and the four operations (+ - x and /) in maths this term and will spend all of next term developing our knowledge of fractions. We will also be visiting past SAT's questions so that the children are very confident and comfortable with the layout of these questions.
- **Science.** Inheritance and Evolution. We will be looking at the how animals and humans have evolved over the centuries and why.
- **RE.** We will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource "Understanding Christianity". Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS. In Terms 1 and 2 our key questions to explore are:
Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? (Christianity)
What would Jesus do?
- **History/Geography.** We will be learning how education was first implemented, what was available before standardised education and how it has changed over the years.

- **D&T.** William Morris – a Victorian designer who is famous for his prints.
- **PE.** Invasion Games – Rugby and hockey.
Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and that it is in school every day. We will be going out in most weathers, so tracksuit will be preferable for the colder months. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings taken out. If your child has rugby/football boots-please bring those into school on Mondays.
- **Computing.** The children will use the laptops within a range of subjects to aid their learning, as well as using computers to develop computer programming skills.
- **Spellings and Times Tables.** We will be having these mini tests every Friday morning.

Homework

There will also be spellings and times tables to learn and revise. I do expect the children to read every day and it would be nice for you to hear them read at least three times a week and ask them questions about their understanding of the story. This will need to be recorded in their Reading Record.

I hope that this will be an extremely happy and rewarding year for your child. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the office or come and see me. Thank you for your support.

We have many things to look forward to this term: visit to Kent Life, Roald Dahl Day, Times Tables Rockstars dress up day and of course, our Year 6 residential trip. We also have our class assembly on Thursday 17th October at 9am. It would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible.

Mrs Calder