

# Keston Primary School and Nursery

## Curriculum Information



YEAR SIX Spring 2019

### General Information.

*The Year 6 Team:*

#### Dickens class

Class teacher: Mr Turner. Teaching Assistant: Mrs Page

#### Shakespeare class

Class teachers: Mrs Parker and Mrs Eason. Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dorset.

Dear Parents /Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The children settled well into Year 6 last term. We have talked to them about the importance of this term and that they continue to work hard and act as good role models to the rest of the school. We have also reiterated the expectation that all children give their homework in on time. As in all year groups, every lesson counts and all homework is important; we want all children to achieve their full potential.

### Curriculum for Spring Term 2019

#### **English**

We will be studying and evaluating two different books, 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and 'Rose Blanche.' We will be concentrating on a variety of different genres such as letter writing, diary writing, writing in role, newspaper articles and writing descriptions of characters and settings.

We will also be concentrating on spelling, punctuation and grammar.

#### **Mathematics**

This term we will be working on time, long division (including dividing fractions), percentages, shape, angles and algebra. We will also be revising basic mental maths skills and continuing to reinforce the children's knowledge of their times tables as it is imperative that each child knows them. Please try to encourage your children to tell the time at home – both analogue and digital.

**Explore and Discover** – to include science, humanities, music, art and DT

**Explore and Discover:** We will be linking several subjects together under the title of Explore and Discover. This term we will be learning about World War Two, this will include comparing historical sources; evaluating the impact of evacuation; rationing; the role of propaganda and using maps to see how our local area was affected by the war. Within this topic we will have a World War Two day which will include a visit from the home front bus. A letter will follow regarding this.

**In Science** we will be extending the children's knowledge of light and we will continue to develop the children's ability to perform scientific experiments.

Mrs Wood will be teaching both classes **music** which will be linked to the curriculum where appropriate. For more information please see the curriculum overview on the school website.

### **Computing**

In computing we will look again at E-safety (and what this means for the children as they get older and have access to more social media sites). We will also continue with our app development project, looking at market research and project management.

### **RE**

In RE we will be looking at Judaism & Christianity.

### **PE**

PE will continue to be on a Thursday. The children will be studying Street Dance. It is important that children have full PE kit in school for this. Swimming will also continue to be on a Tuesday and children also need to ensure they have the full swimming kit for this.

We visit the **library** every Tuesday. Please remind your child to bring their library book every week.

### **Homework**

#### **Reading**

The Red Hot Readers' system will continue this term and children are expected to have read at least three times a week to an adult. Reading records will be checked every Friday; if the children have achieved this goal for ten weeks within a term they will be rewarded with a certificate. Please ensure your child does this, and that their book is signed by an adult, as it is part of their homework and will impact on their reading comprehension.

#### **Spelling**

Spelling work will be given out every Thursday and they will be tested on them the following Wednesday. The spellings will include at least ten pattern words and five/six curriculum key words. These curriculum words can be found in your child's planners, as well as on the school's website.

#### **Mathematics and English**

Mathematics and English homework is given out on a Thursday to be returned on Tuesday morning, at the latest. The English will alternate between comprehension and grammar and punctuation. The maths will either be based on the learning of that week or provide pre-learning for upcoming areas. Please encourage your child to show the working out for their maths homework and remind them that if they struggle Mrs Stevens runs a homework club every Monday lunchtime.

Please also be aware that due to the upcoming SATS, and to prepare the children for secondary school, there may be additional homework set each week. We expect this to be given in on time.

#### **How can you help?**

- Encourage your children to read as much as possible and ask them questions to check they understand what they are reading.
- Practise times tables with your child.
- Take them to the library to find books about the topics or encourage them to research online.

- Support your child with their homework. If they find their homework difficult, please make a note on their homework and encourage them to go to homework club.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is a problem. The reading record/contact book is the quickest way to communicate with us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eason, Mr Turner and Mrs Parker

Useful websites:

**Explore and Discover:**

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world\\_war2/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/)

**English:**

Grammar: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=47>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling\\_grammar/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/)

Practise writing using some of the templates on Purple Mash: <http://www.purplemash.com/site#tab/themes/literacy>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zv48q6f> some useful videos about various English topics

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic-group/sentence-grammar> some useful videos and games about grammar and punctuation

Lots of fun English games <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=46>

**Maths:**

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/)

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>