

Keston Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Information



YEAR SIX Spring 2018

General Information.

The Year 6 Team:

Dickens class

Class teacher: Mr Turner. Teaching Assistants: Mrs Page and Mrs Mills

Shakespeare class

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

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 be 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 2018

English

This term we will be reading Macbeth by William Shakespeare and Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We will undertake different styles of writing: persuasion, discussion, journalism and poetry. We will also be studying different aspects of grammar and punctuation. We will continue to focus on the children's comprehension skills, particularly their ability to use inference and deduction as well as retrieve information from a text.

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at time, 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 their times tables. Please try to encourage your children to tell the time at home – both analogue and digital.

Explore and Discover

Our topic for this half term is The Mayans. This topic will include our Art, DT and Geography and will also look at the way the Mayan's lived everyday life.

Science

This term we will look at the 7 life processes, how to ensure we stay healthy, fossils and evolution. Science will continue to be taught once a week and we will continue to develop the children ability to perform scientific experiments.

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 and will be looking at 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.

French

Will be taught weekly by Miss Sutton.

We visit the library every Friday. 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 Year 5 and 6 curriculum key words. These curriculum words can be found in your child's planners, as well as on the school's website. The rules and patterns we are asking the children to learn are to prepare them for their spelling test in SATs as well as secondary school.

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 be based on the learning of that week. 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 the homework and we will work together to resolve the problem.

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.

We are looking forward to PGL at the end of this term and looking forward to working with you for the rest of the year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eason, Mr Turner and Mrs Parker

Useful websites:

Explore and Discover:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsdrqty>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/the-mayans>

English:

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

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/

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/

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