



Curriculum letter

Year 6

Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful Christmas Holiday and have a happy 2020 ahead.

Over the coming term the children will be learning the following:

Maths

Children will be strengthening their number skills including place value of numbers and decimals. They will be securing their knowledge of addition and subtraction, multiplication and addition using written and mental methods. They will be solving worded problems to do with shape, angles, fractions and measures. The children will also be given opportunities to discuss their answers and give reasons.

English

The children will be looking at a wide range of grammatical skills needed to enhance their writing.

They will also have one separate lesson of spelling per week where they will be learning spelling rules and patterns. The children will be tested on these spellings each week and are expected to practise at home.

The children will also be securing their comprehension skills for an hour and a half each week to strengthen their reading and vocabulary skills.

Science

Living Things

Children will be learning how to classify different types of animals into their correct genus and species group.

History

The history topic this term will be 'The Battle of Britain'. The children will be expected to produce written work based on the events during this period of the Second World War, which includes rationing, evacuation and the Blitz. They will also look at

a significant person in history- Winston Churchill- the Prime Minister that saw Britain through the war.

Geography

As part of the topic, the children will be exploring the effects that the war had on Britain. The children will be attending the local RAF bunker, to help further their understanding of how the local area had an impact on the outcome of the Battle of Britain.

Computing

The children will be using their computing sessions to practise grammar on SPAG.com- an online platform whereby the children can complete past SATS exercises.

Once the children have completed a test, they can strengthen their computing skills by creating PowerPoints using custom animations.

RE

This term, the children will be learning about Freedom and Justice. They will explore the different interpretations of the terms, using different religious stories as a tool to help them understand what is meant by these terms.

PE

Handball– The children will be applying their skills needed for the game Handball. They will be given the opportunity to practise basic skills such as throwing, catching, passing and shooting.

Tennis- The children will learn different teamwork skills, how to give clear instructions and techniques needed to succeed in the game.

Homework

Homework will be given on a **Friday** to be returned on a **Thursday**, which will include a piece of Maths and English, related to the week's learning. Spellings will handed out on a Monday, to be learned and tested on the following **Monday**. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

It is of enormous importance that the children read **every** day, for at least **30** minutes. We ask that you sign their reading record books **3** times a week. This is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's reading and let us know how you feel they are getting on. The children's reading records will be checked on a **Monday**, **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

The children should also be reading their **Bug Club books** online **weekly**.

School website: www.highfield.hillingdon.sch.uk

We suggest discussing the books read with your child to help them develop a good understanding of what they are reading. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

PE is on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure make sure that your child's PE kit stays on their peg for the half term to avoid missing out on this excellent opportunity for healthy exercise.

We hope this will help you to understand all the activities and learning your child will be involved in this term. If you have any queries please make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year 6 Team

Miss Lewis – Lemur's Class Teacher

Mr. Langford- Lizard's Class Teacher

Mrs Viney – Teaching Assistant