



Radiant Roses



Talented Tulips



Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 6! We hope everyone had a lovely break and we look forward to a fun-filled term of learning.

Reading

This term, children will have three books to choose from for their reading for pleasure text. They will be voting for a book of choice next week. The children will be choosing between:

- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- The Middle of Nowhere
- A Dog's Life

During other class reading lessons, we will continue to develop children's retrieval, inference and summarising skills with comprehension and skills lessons.



Writing

We will begin the term by using the short film 'Piano' to support us in developing our writing using a range of year 6 skills. We will be writing a letter.



Then we will be reading the book 'A series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket. We will be writing a diary in the style of Lemony Snicket.

Towards the end of term, we will read 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and write a narrative retell.

In grammar lessons, we will teach the children how to use and identify synonyms and



antonyms, hyphens and bullet points to develop their writing even further.

Maths

This terms units will include:

- Fractions
- Converting measurements
- Ratio
- Decimals



The children will build upon the knowledge they gained during the Autumn term with fractions and move onto learning about multiplying and dividing fractions. They will make connections between fractions and decimals and use their knowledge of multiplication and division to understand ratio.

Science

During our science lessons this term, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. Children will explain why there are differences within a species, recognise the inheritance of characteristics in plants and animals and explain why adaptation is necessary. They will model how natural selection affects population size. Additionally, the children will describe the theory of evolution and recognise evidence that can be used for this.



Computing

In computing this term, the children will be learning all about spreadsheets. By the end of this unit, the children will have learnt how to use a spreadsheet to investigate probability, to calculate the discount and final prices in a sale and plan a school charity day to maximise the money donated to charity.



Art

Our art unit is 'Drawing: Expressing My Ideas'. During this topic, the children will explore how street artists use art to convey messages and use their techniques of scaling and perspective to create a piece of street art.



History

This half term we will be learning all about World War 2 during history lessons. We will begin by learning about the causes of World War 2. We will then move on to learn about The Battle of



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Britain, The Blitz and what life was like for evacuated children during the war. We will finish our half term by considering the impact WW2 had on women's lives.

Music

This term, our music unit is called Film Music. The children will listen and appraise musical features in film contexts, understand composing techniques in film music and use graphic scores to interpret emotions



PE

PE days this term will be Mondays (Roses)/Fridays (Tulips) and Wednesdays. We will have a PE coach teaching the children tennis on Wednesdays and we will be exploring dance inside on Monday/Friday.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, the children will be learning about keeping safe. As part of this unit, we will be exploring how to be respectful online and face-to-face, including appropriate behaviours, know when to share and not to share (keeping things private), understand different types of drugs, medically and non-medically and understand laws related to these. Additionally, we will explore norms around drinking alcohol.



Spanish

Our Spanish unit is called 'The Weekend'. We will learn 10 phrases for activities we may do at the weekend and then progress onto telling the time and including an opinion.



RE

In RE, we will be starting a new unit 'Beliefs and Actions in The World: Can Christian Aid and Islamic Relief change the world?'. We will start the unit by looking at different charities. The children will then move on to compare Christian Aid and Islamic Relief charities. They will end this half term by exploring justice and fairness.



Homework

This half term the children will receive weekly homework. This will include a maths, reading and grammar activity each week.



Additionally, the children need to continue practising their spellings and reading 4x a week.

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RESPECT

 **FOR OURSELVES**

FOR OTHERS 

 **FOR OUR ACADEMY**

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SCHOOL VALUES

RESILIENCE

 **BELIEVE IN OURSELVES**

CHALLENGE OURSELVES 

 **LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES**

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RESPONSIBILITY

 **FOR OUR WORDS**

FOR OUR ACTIONS 

 **FOR OUR ACADEMY**

Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

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Class Teachers: Mrs Mutch and Mrs McKinnon

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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts or honey.

Dates for the diary!





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Monday 5th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January - School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 15th January - Book and Biscuit session 2.40pm

Wednesday 21st January – Whole school pantos – Robin Hood

Friday 6th February - NSPCC Whole School Number Day- timings tbc

Monday 9th February - Mental Health Week - wear yellow

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February - Valentine's Day disco – timings tbc

Friday 13th February - school closes for Half Term.