

English: In English we will be continuing to develop pupils' fluency and comprehension skills through daily English lessons and guided reading sessions. Pupils will continue to read, enjoy and discuss a range of high-quality age-appropriate texts across a variety of genres. Our class book for the summer term is *Skellig*. We will continue to look at a wide variety of texts as part of guided reading which will test the pupils' prediction and inference skills.

The children will be writing fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. The first half term will see the pupils analyse and create biographies before creating newspaper reports linked to our topic. Our writing skills are then applied throughout the curriculum and in free-writing opportunities.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar curriculum requirements will also be a key focus.

Useful Websites: BBC Bitesize, Topmarks and Spelling Shed

Dates for your diary:

11th April - Attendance event.
2nd May - Pioneer Residential Meeting 3:30p.m.
6th May - Bank holiday
13th-16th May - SATs Week for Year 6
24th May - Ellowes presentation to pupils
27th - 31st May - Half term
Y6 Residential - 5th June to 7th June
24th June - Sports Day
1st to 5th July - Dudley Transition Week
High School transition days will vary.

Please see the calendar on our website for up-to-date details.

**Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter
Year 6**

Welcome Back

Our year 6 team are:
Mrs Lewis, Miss Richards and
Mrs Woodberry

History and Geography: For this term our topic is The Kingdom of Benin in year 6. The children will continue to learn about British and world history and look to establish how significant events in the past influence our lives today. Our learning in topic will also involve securing a chronological awareness of different periods in history. We will be exploring the links between Benin and Britain and using Digimaps to compare and contrast the two. Throughout our work we will be noting connections, contrasts and trends over time and developing the appropriate use of historical terms.

Art/D.T.: Year 6 will be learning about the significance of ceremonial masks that were used by the Ancient Benin before designing our own masks.

In D.T. we will write and make pop-up books for younger children.

Science: The topic for the summer term is 'Animals including humans' where children will extend their learning from the Ellowes Hall visit as we learn about the circulatory system and how nutrients and water are transported around the body. Year 6 will be working scientifically as they plan and carry out a range of investigations. Year 6 will also be studying Evolution and Inheritance.

Computing: E-safety remains the priority in computing lessons. Year 6 will be creating their own games by programming variables.

Maths: In maths year 6 will be learning how to measure and calculate angles in a range of polygons. This will involve us applying our skills and knowledge that we gained last term around the properties of shapes. We will also be learning the properties of circles and linking this to our work on pie-charts. Position and direction will be the final unit before SATS.

After SATs we will be using and applying the arithmetic and problem-solving skills we have learnt. The children will continue to refine their maths skills with a view to making a confident start in year 7.

Useful Websites: TT Rock Stars, BBC Bitesize, and Topmarks.

Homework will be given out weekly in Maths and English.

Year 6 pupils are expected to read and change their homereader books regularly.

Spelling lists are set weekly using Spelling Shed lists.

P.E.: PE this term focuses on striking and fielding, and athletics
Year 6 PE is on Mondays

Music: Year 6 will be composing their leavers' song this term.

P.S.H.E.: This unit will also involve looking at the positive and negative use of social media and other content online.

RE: Our RE work this term focuses on Keeping the Rules.