



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a massive 'well done' to all of the Year 6 children, who have settled into Year 6 life amazingly – they have been showing great learning behaviours throughout this term and we can't wait to welcome them back after the Christmas break! We will also be welcoming Mr Donovan, who will be joining the Year 6 team from January.

Spring 1 – Crime & Punishment – visit from the Police and Magistrates in the Community

Spring 2 – Awesome Authors

Summer 1 – Enterprise

Summer 2 – Lights, Camera, Action – trip to see Matilda the Musical. The cost of this trip is £50

Crime and Punishment

In this theme, we will be focusing on Crime and Punishment in British History throughout the ages. We will start with the Roman legal system, then looking at Anglo Saxon law and comparing it to what went before. Following this, we will find out the gory details of torture during the Tudor Times! Finally, we will study the prison system in Victorian Britain and establish how Crime was punished in Victorian times.

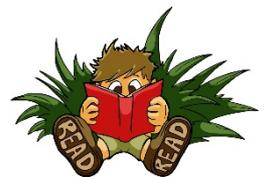


English

Our focus book this term will be '*Hacker*' by Malorie Blackman and the famous poem '*The Highway Man*' by Alfred Noyes. We will be studying 'tales of fear' and looking at how we write strong endings to stories. Our poetry focus will be based on The Highway Man and will be in the form of 'free verse'. Our non-fiction writing will be a balanced argument, where children will need to present two viewpoints effectively; this will be an opportunity for the children to write formally.

Reading

We will be developing our understanding of reading through reading skills sessions. We will read a variety of texts focussing on inference and deduction,





making sure we understand what we have read. It is essential that children read at least three times per week to develop their fluency and understanding. Children will be rewarded for reading. If children are finding it difficult to read at home, they should speak to their class teacher about when they can use the library. Children can read alone, with a sibling or a parent. Your child's reading will need to be written in their reading log each time they read and then they are given a raffle ticket, increasing their chances of being awarded 30 additional bonus Early Bird points! Your child has a subscription to www.oxfordowl.co.uk where they can read e-books.

spelling rules

Spellings

Children will be set spellings to learn each week and these should be practised at least three times per week to support spelling lessons in school. Your child has a subscription to www.spellingshed.com where they are able to practise their spellings and compete against others if they want to.

Maths

We will start our learning with lessons about decimal numbers, specifically multiplying and dividing decimal numbers, and converting decimals to fractions. We will then move on to working on percentages, algebra, converting units of measurement, area, perimeter and ratio.

Times tables

By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall all their times tables and related division facts up to 12 x 12. During Year 6, we continually practise these so that they can be recalled at greater speed and then applied during harder Maths problems. Times tables and division facts are something that can be practised at any time of day and in any place. Your child has a subscription to Times Table Rockstars. If you could keep practising with your child we will all become times table superstars!



We hope you have a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and look forward to seeing you in 2019!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cox, Mrs Travers, Mrs Griggs, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Marshall and Mr Donovan

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