



Year 6 Newsletter – Spring Term 2016

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you for the various Christmas cards and gifts that we received, they are most appreciated and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday period too.

Please find below an outline of the main objectives and curriculum content which we will be covering over this term (up until Easter)

TOPIC – South Africa

ENGLISH:

Fiction – Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo

Non Fiction – Newspapers/Journalistic writing & Biographical writing (Nelson Mandela)

Poetry – They Tried to Lock Up Freedom- Beverley Naidoo & Other poems from South Africa.

Ken Nesbitt's poetry for kids- contemporary subjects written about in amusing ways.

MATHS:

Mental Methods

- Times Tables – revise – x6, x8, develop - x7, x9, x11, x12
- Division Facts for ALL times tables
- Know multiples of 0.05 that total 1 (eg. 0.35 + 0.65)
- Can use 'Compensation' methods efficiently (eg. +99, x £2.99 etc)

Written Methods

- Round numbers to nearest 1000, 10,000 or 100,000
- Add/subtract/multiply & divide numbers with up to 6 digits using efficient written methods
- Solve multi-step problems that involve all 4 number operations & money/time/measures
- Solving problems from number & place value, including missing number problems & those involving addition/subtraction/multiplication & division.
- Improve children's knowledge & understanding of the following areas:
- Co-ordinates
- Translation of shapes
- Area & Perimeter
- Percentages of numbers/shapes

- Drawing shapes with specific properties
- Ordering & calculating with Fractions
- Interpreting different number scales

SCIENCE

Light & Shadow

Investigating & Fair testing

ART/ DESIGN TECHNOLOGY/ COMPUTING / GEOGRAPHY / HISTORY /MUSIC / R.E & P.S.H.C.E

All of these curriculum areas will be incorporated into our topic of South Africa.

LANGUAGES – SPANISH

Days of the Week, Months of the Year, Family members

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MONDAY – indoor – SQUASH (visiting coach from Heaton Squash Club)

WEDNESDAY - Indoor – Basketball & Outdoor – Tag Rugby

HOMEWORK

This will be set weekly every Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday. This will be uploaded on to the school website & children will receive dojo rewards for their efforts in completing these tasks.

SPELLINGS

In line with the new National Curriculum, children are receiving regular weekly spellings. This aims to develop their knowledge of spelling patterns as well as learning words that are more 'irregular'. Please help your children to practise these regularly (eg. on the way to school, at breakfast time, etc)

TRIPS / Robin Wood

Tuesday 1st March – Junior Safemark visit to Culture Fusion – A trip to assist children in how to use various forms of public transport which will be of obvious benefit to the children as they move up to high school next September.

PARENT EVENT

Wed 16th March – 2:20-3:00pm – Another opportunity for you to come in to see examples of what the children have been learning about this term.

Finally, we would just like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mr Weston & Mrs Buckroyd