



YEAR 6



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2016

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and have spent some quality time with your children making fantastic memories. I am looking forward to getting to know the class and working with them over the coming months. It is the start of their final year with us at Kennington and I am determined to help them have as successful a year as possible to end their Primary education.

Homework

The majority of homework will be set on a Friday this year. The work will usually be completed in their purple homework book. Please ensure it is kept in a tidy condition and returned for the following Friday.

The work will review learning that has taken place in class, introduce new concepts or extend what we have been working on in class. Please support your child when completing their homework. It is vital that they are allowed to complete work independently in order to show their true level of understanding.

Occasionally, homework may be issued on other days and be due for hand in on a shorter deadline. All tasks will be clearly explained to the children. Homework should take approximately 1 ½ hours per week. If you have any concerns about your child's homework, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Library

Year 6 will be visiting the school library to change their books on a Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child remembers to return their book on this day.

Reading

Mrs Duffy has been working extremely hard to update the reading scheme to fit the needs of a wider range of children in a more effective manner. She has almost completed this massive overhaul. We anticipate the scheme being ready to go by the end of the week. When it is up and running, your child will have a relevant book to read and will have this changed once a week in school. Please support your child through regular reading at home and discussing the text as they read. This helps develop a greater set of comprehension skills and also allows them to develop ideas for writing.

P.E.

This term, P.E. will take place on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E. kit in school on these days. Monday is outdoor P.E. Please be aware during cooler and wetter weather, suitable outdoor clothing will be required. For indoor P.E. on a Tuesday, please make sure the correct kit of white shirt and navy/black shorts is in school. No football kits are acceptable as P.E. kits.

Parent's Meeting

We will be holding a year 6 parent's meeting shortly that will provide you with an update on the end of years assessments, provide information about our residential trip to Plas Menai and also Secondary School admissions

The admissions team from Lancashire County Council will be present to share information and support you as required. Once we have a confirmed date from the admissions team, we will let you know.

TOPIC SURVIVAL

Literacy

This term, the children will be producing a biography about a famous person of their own choice. Please support your child with the

research of this person so they have plenty of suitable information to draw on during the writing phase.

We will also be exploring novels as themes. We are reading Goodnight Mr Tom to assist with this. We will be looking into a wide variety of issues and themes raised during the text.

Science

Interdependence and adaptation is where we start this term, exploring how living things are adapted to their habitats in different ways. The children will also design their own creature with a set of adaptations.

Art

We are studying different artists this term and exploring methods of observational drawing. We will be using different media and techniques to complete existing images, change images and create our own images. We will also be making observational drawings of an item that has some meaning/importance to your child. Please make sure it is labelled if possible to reduce the risk of loss.

ICT

We are exploring how research is conducted using the internet, how we should handle research in terms of laws and rules and also how we can research efficiently.

We will be exploring ways in which we can keep ourselves safe when using the internet to research and what we should do if we find ourselves in difficulty.

We will revise presentation skills to effectively use different programmes to present information for different audiences and purposes.

Geography

We will be using a range of different types of maps to locate places locally, nationally and internationally. We will explore ways in which we classify features as human or physical geography, explore how these interact with each other and look at ways in which geography challenges and helps us to survive.

We will be using a village in Alaska named Tanana to help explore survival on a wider scale.

PE

The first area of focus this term will be invasion games and gymnastics.

Trips

Already, the children have been heavily involved in the planning of the curriculum content for this term. They have suggested some excellent ideas for lessons and have also suggested ideas for a trip. We are looking in to a visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve to complete survival themed activities. Once confirmed, we will let you know of the date and costings.

We have also applied for tickets to see Ice Age: Collision Course as part of National Film Week. Again, once we have confirmation, we will let you know of the important details.

Finally.....

If you have anything you wish to discuss regarding school or your child, please do not hesitate to come and see me in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Jones