

Spring 1 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KEY DATES:

World Hijab Day - 1st February

Children's Mental Health Week - 6th -12th February

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 7th February

Year 6 forest school trip to Peckham Rye Park –
Friday 3rd February

Last day of term - Friday 10th February

Half term - Monday 13th February - Friday
17th February.

Start of Spring 2 term- Monday 20th February

NEW TOPIC

Tomorrow's World: Sustainable Solutions

This half-term, we will be learning about the importance of global trade and how it dates back many centuries to its early origins of China and the Silk Road. We will also be conducting some of our own case studies around current Fairtrade and asking one 'simple' question: Is everyone getting a good and fair deal?

Thank you for all the Migration Stories that we received as part of last term's project. They all contributed to making a brilliant experience for the children.

MATHS

Our main area of focus this half term is fractions, decimals and percentages. This will include:

- multiplying and dividing fractions by integers
- finding fractions of an amount
- multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000
- multiplying and dividing decimals by integers
- converting decimals, fractions and percentages
- finding percentages of an amount

Remember that through the school's website, you can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum.

Maths Home Learning is sent home every Friday and is due in on Wednesdays. Your child should also be accessing TT Rock Stars and Sumdog regularly.

Year 6 Learning Letter

ENGLISH

We are very excited to be embarking upon explanation texts this term and applying formal language technique. We will be channelling our inner 'David Attenborough voices' by explaining how a cheetah hunts and why its physique makes it such a powerful predator. Our focus will be on causal conjunctions (e.g. consequently, since, therefore, etc.), and we will explore how the active and passive voice can shift the emphasis in our writing.

Remember English Home Learning is set on Fridays and due in on Thursdays. Encourage your child to also login to Spelling Shed so that they can review the spelling rules practised in class.

PE

Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lesson (Wednesdays and Thursdays).

Both classes will also be running our Mega Mile on Mondays and Fridays. For this activity, the children need to be wearing appropriate footwear and comfortable clothes.

SCIENCE

Our next topic of learning is called Classifying Living Things. In this unit, the children will learn how to classify things using the major classification kingdoms defined by Carl Linnaeus. They will identify and describe the observable characteristics of a range of classification groups including micro-organisms, plants and animals. They will compare the similarities and differences between different species and apply this knowledge to construct classification keys with increasing complexity. The children will also be planning and conducting a fair test so that they can predict and observe how mould might thrive.

DT

In DT, we will be continuing to explore structures so that we can build our model shelters using wood. The children will refine and develop their measuring, cutting, reinforcing and joining skills.

THE YEAR 6 TEAM

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