



January 2024

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

Curriculum Plans for the Spring Term

Our whole school project is **A Green, Clean, Sustainable World**. This term, Year 6 will be learning all about the incredible world of bees and the important part they play in every aspect of the **ecosystem**. We explore how bees play a significant role in the **pollination** of many important crops, discover ways in which **habitat loss** and other harmful factors contribute to **bee decline...**and suggest ways in which we can all protect **biodiversity** and do our bit to help save the bees! Geographical skills will be taught through our Rivers topic. We will be using a range of maps and atlases to locate major rivers of the world and we will be exploring key features of the water cycle. Most of the areas of the curriculum are being taught through these themes, whereas other areas will be taught discretely. Please refer to the topic web for further information.

Homework

Spring Term1: Please see attached homework menu.

Spring Term 2: After February half-term, we plan to set weekly maths and grammar homework alongside the optional homework menu. Paper copies will be available for anyone unable to access Showbie. A guide to timings are as follows:

- Daily reading (20 minutes per night)
- Spellings – Tested every Tuesday
- Weekly grammar – set each Tuesday and expected to be returned the following Tuesday
- Weekly arithmetic homework - set on Friday and checked the following Friday.

Reading

In Year 6, children will be participating in a wide range of weekly reading activities. In addition to their school reading, we will also encourage children to read a wide range of material at home, aiming to read five times for at least 10 minutes on each occasion. Children will continue to record their reading within their reading diary, together with a comment about what they have read. We would ask you to check this reading and sign the reading diary to say that you have seen or heard your child read. If you require any further information, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

Games/ P.E

P.E. kit should be worn to school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Parkdale School Website Page

Our website is full of important information, key dates and regular updates. You can find out exactly what Year 6 will be getting up to this term by heading to the Year 6 page. We have an exciting term ahead and we look forward to celebrating and sharing lots of creative outcomes with you. You can access the school website by clicking on the following link:

<https://parkdale-primary.co.uk>

Study Clubs

This term, we aim to start our Year 6 **Study Clubs**. These will take place during lunchtime (after the children have eaten their lunch) or after school for an hour (details to follow) and will be on offer to any pupils interested in consolidating their learning in Maths, Reading and Grammar. Children will have opportunities to ask questions and revise key skills, particularly in areas of Maths and English where they feel they would benefit from further support. We will be encouraging children to bring a suitable notebook to school, so they can record their own revision notes and use them at home.

We hope you find the above information of some use, enabling you to support your child's learning at home. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email your child's class teacher.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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