

September 2024

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

Curriculum Plans for the Autumn Term

The autumn theme for Year 6 is based around the theme of - History Pioneers: Golden Age of Islam and Suffragettes. We will be focusing on a series of key questions such as:

- **How have key historical events influenced the modern world?**
- **Were the Suffragettes justified in taking such extreme actions?**
- **What did the Golden Age of Islam do for us?**

To gain an understanding of the achievements of the Islamic world, we explore how the arts, sciences and technology flourished during this period of time and continue to be influential today. Through a range of creative learning experiences, children will develop their ability to think critically, ask perceptive questions and understand how people, society and the wider world have changed in history. 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

We would like your child to complete the following tasks on a weekly basis:

- **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.

- **Spellings**

You will receive a spelling overview, which will show you all the spellings for the term ahead. You can also find this spelling list on Showbie and the spellings are accessible via Spelling Shed (please see your child's reading diary for the log in details).



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- **Maths**

We would like children to spend at least 30 minutes per week on consolidating key mathematical facts. These include:

- ❖ Timestable facts up to 12 x 12 (TTRS can help with this)
- ❖ Weekly set maths activities on MyMaths (log ins can be found in the back of your child's diary)

- **Free Choice Activities**

Please see the attached homework menu for a range of activities that your child can complete.

Games/ P.E

P.E. kit should be worn to school on Wednesdays (Netball) and Thursdays (Rugby).

School Website

Throughout the year, we will be adding photographs and videos to the Year 6 page of the school website. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase and celebrate some of the wonderful learning which takes place in Year 6. Key dates and information regarding specific events in Year 6 will also be shared with you via the school website, which can be accessed by using the following link:

<https://www.parkdale-notts.sch.uk>

DAaRT

This term, every Friday (starting Friday 12th September), children will be taking part in a training programme known as DAaRT (**Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Training**). The course aims to teach children how to make safe and healthy decisions which they will need as they develop into adulthood and beyond.

Meetings

Monday 16th September at 3:45pm – Welcome to Year 6 meeting in 6 Beech (please come round the back of the school building to the outside 6 Beech door).

Wednesday 23rd/Thursday 24th October between 3:30 – 6pm – individual Parent Evening appointments.

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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Year 6 Autumn Term Homework Menu

Visit your local library and choose two books to take home. Once you have read these books, complete a book review on them and share with your class/teacher. The book review does not have to be written. Think creatively!

Show your personality through art, music or dance. Can you create a piece of artwork that reflects you? Can you talk about the different music you like? Can you create a dance or gymnastic routine to a piece of music?

Year 6 **Homework Menu**

Bring in your work to show your teacher or upload to the homework folder on Showbie

Go on a woodland walk and find a variety of different leaves. Can you identify which trees these are from? Can you group the leaves according to their characteristics? Think scientifically! Your outcome can be as creative as you like.

Start a collection of something that interests you and bring it into school later on in the year or upload to Showbie.