

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Our English Learning

- Children will be writing pieces linked with the fairy tale Red Riding Hood, but it will be with a twist.! They will increase their understanding of the unit by engaging with various activities
- Performing poetry and writing descriptions and a non-fiction piece.
- Handwriting, spelling and grammar will be taught weekly.
- Increasing children's reading ability to ensure they are adept enough to process and tackle Y6 texts and beyond.
- Children will be now reading longer texts – we hope they will begin to recommend good books they have read to their friends.

You could help your child with their learning by:

- Encourage your child to read as much as possible at home. They can sign their own reading record now.
- Continuing to work on their times tables by using TT Rockstars.

In RE: Creation and Science – contradictory or complementary?

The title of a current Geography unit is:
How is our climate changing and what impact does this have on us?

- Identifying the causes and impact of climate change.
- Understanding the different sources of energy.
- Using 6 figure grid references to identify energy sources across the world.
- Exploring St John's carbon footprint..

Other news & updates about our class:

- P.E. will be held on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit on these days and wear their school jumper/cardigan/fleece over the top.
- P.E. kit comprises of a white t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and trainers or pumps. Earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons.

Our Mathematics Learning

In Maths this half-term we will be working on:

- Calculating using knowledge of structures – covering addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Missing numbers
- Problem solving
- Multiples of 1000
- Mental arithmetic

Year 6 is a tough but rewarding year. There is a lot going on so we will keep you informed of things as they are coming up. Year 6 will be visiting Gulliver's World (more info to follow soon) and will be preparing for their SATs. We will guide and support your child through these events and will hopefully have them ready to tackle high school by the time they leave St John's.

In Science: Throughout the Autumn term Year 6 will be exploring electricity. We will be exploring the functions of electrical components and how to show them using diagrams. We will also be investigating the impact of changing the number of voltages in different circuits.