

Year 6 Newsletter

September 2018



English

Our main focus this half-term is descriptive and narrative writing inspired by a book called 'The Widow's Broom' by Chris Van Allsburg. We will use this text to inspire different styles of writing based on our reading. We will also be doing report writing as part of our Science topic. As the children will sit a 'Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar' test during the SATs, there will be lots of opportunity to practise these skills. Spellings will be sent home weekly and it is essential that children widen their vocabulary through reading books of appropriate challenge and interest. A high standard of handwriting and presentation will be expected at all times.

Topic

Year 6 will be focusing on Science this half-term and will be studying classification, habitats and micro-organisms.

Our **R.E. Focus** for this term is to consider some 'big' questions: What do religions say to us when life gets hard? Is religion better expressed using art and architecture or charity and generosity?

Other subjects: We will also be learning more advanced programming skills in **Computing** as well as developing our thinking skills during **Philosophy** sessions.

How you can help your child:

Reading together: Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss with them what has been read. Please sign reading logs too.

Reading day: Children **must** arrive at **8:50am** on their reading day and I will be checking their green reading log has been written in at least 4 times each week.

Online: Every child has a *Reading Eggs* account and access to *Numeracy Workout* (username: Crowcroft; password: share). Please encourage your child to use them!

Homework will consist of reading logs, Maths and some topic-based projects as appropriate.

Spellings must be practised at home every week as the children will be tested on them every Tuesday.

Key Dates

Class Assembly: Monday 8th October

PE day: Thursday - Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school for these days and any ear-rings have been removed.

High school applications closing date: 31st Oct.

SATs Exams 13th–16th May 2019

100% attendance is essential if your child is going to enjoy success!

Maths

This half-term we will be covering place value including ordering, rounding of whole numbers and working with negative numbers. We will also cover the four basic operations using mental, informal and formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children will use these skills to solve multi-step problems too. They will be given an additional weekly arithmetic lesson as this will be assessed in the SATs in May.

Times tables up to 12 x 12 **must** be learnt, if not already known.

If you have any questions about how best to support your child in maths, please come and see me or send me an email. I'm happy to help!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope your child is starting to feel happy and settled in their new class. This is a very important year for your child and they will benefit greatly from your support, interest in their education and smiling encouragement through what can be a challenging final year of primary school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me at the end of the day to arrange an appointment.

Alternatively, you can contact me via email at: a.nunn@crowcroftpark.manchester.sch.uk

Kind regards,
Mrs. Nunn