

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2020-21



Welcome back to school and to year 6!

Unit of Learning: Dinosaur Age

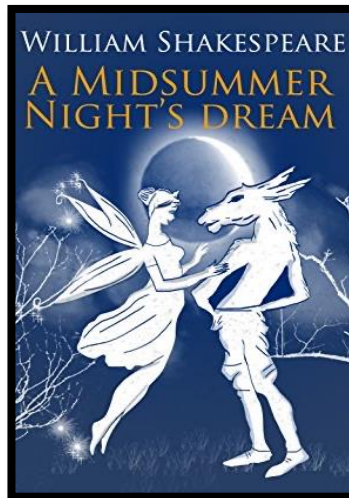
Our unit of learning this half term is the Dinosaur Age. Our unit of learning will focus on the challenges that we can encounter in the environment. In addition to that, we will focus on the theory of evolution, and how evolution has affected our world. We will be referring to the book 'Tamed'- by Alice Roberts- to support and inform our learning for this term.

END GOAL – FLICK PICTURE BOOK

As part of our end goal, we will create a flick picture book illustrating the adaptation of a chosen animal through the years. In addition to that, we will provide a written support sheet describing the physical and behavioural changes based on our chosen animal.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

This classic play- originally written by William Shakespeare- is an action-packed love story set in a fantasy setting. This story has a range of chapters that lend themselves perfectly to a range of writing outcomes including a newspaper article, persuasive arguments and the description of settings/characters. We will be using the book 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' to support our reading lessons.



Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the values of **responsibility and respect.**

Mobile phones

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. These must be handed into the child's class teacher every morning. They will be returned to the children at the end of the school day.

Fruit

Children can bring in a piece of fruit to eat during break time.

Home Learning

Most importantly, your child must read at home, each night, in order to make good progress. Parents/carers can help pupils by reading alongside with them and by asking questions in relation to the text. This can be purely based on the language that is used, predictions /inferences that can be made from the text and by also encouraging the pupils to write down any words that they may not understand. We have our own word of the week display in our classroom, and we are always keen to share new vocabulary with the class.

Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings and times tables challenges, alongside additional tasks. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Thursday. It is vital that homework and reading is taken seriously, particularly as the pupils are now becoming independent learners and this is good practice to prepare them for secondary school. Pupils are expected to read every day and parents/carers need to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked weekly.

Science topic- Evolution

This term, our Science topic is Evolution and Inheritance. Children will be taught to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. In addition to that, they will be able to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

School timings

School starts at 9.15am for all children in year 6. Children will need to enter the school at Handley Drive and they are expected to make their own way to the classrooms. From Monday to Thursday, school days will finish 15.35. School will end at 12.45pm every Friday.

Physical education

P.E. will be taught on a Tuesday and Wednesday this half term- 6MB on Tuesday's; 6DM on Wednesday's. Both classes lessons afternoons will comprise of a range of activities in relation to team building. Pupils must remember to bring their kit at all times for lessons and failure to do so, without a valid reason, will lead to lost time over break. Children should be reminded that participation and enthusiasm in Physical Education is paramount and shouldn't be considered differently to the rest of the curriculum.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive welcome to everyone in connection with 6MB and 6DM. We look forward to a wonderful year. Miss Brown and Mr Mitakos.