



Y6 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2

Celebrating last half term

What a fantastic residential we had at Robinwood – the children were fabulous! We were very impressed by their teamwork, perseverance, respect and encouragement for each other. So many of them pushed themselves out of their comfort zones to achieve new heights – literally!

In school, the children worked hard on our science and geography project 'Why Do We Need Rainforests?' producing some excellent work. In particular, the Zoolab experience was a wonderful hands on morning where the children were able to handle a number of rainforest animals and learn more about them.

Useful information

PE days are as follows:

Y6GR: Tuesday & Thursday

Y6AH: Tuesday & Thursday

Y6MK: Tuesday & Thursday

Children need to have appropriate clothing for PE, including a school PE t-shirt and trainers. This should be kept in school all term. They will need to have long hair tied back. All jewellery must be removed.

Project theme for this half term:

Our project this half term is a local history project focusing on the impact of WWII on Sheffield. We will be learning about the Sheffield Blitz, as well as other impacts of the war on our local community such as rationing and evacuation. Part way through the project, we shall be visiting Crich Tramway Museum (**Thursday 14th March**) where the children will experience, through role play, what life was like for children evacuated during the Second World War. As part of this visit, the children will also explore real artefacts, learn more about espionage and code breaking during WWII and will explore songs and dance styles from the era.

English

This half term, our writing genres will be:

- Narrative linked to WWII
- Newspaper report on the Sheffield Blitz
- Diary entry of an evacuee

Our writing is linked to our project as this gives the children a context for their writing and helps them to produce their best.

In SPaG, we will continue to revise all of the KS2 punctuation and grammar.

This half term will shall continue to read our class book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.

The children will also have a dedicated reading lesson on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:10am - 9:30am. These sessions give the children the opportunity to fully develop a range of reading skills.

Life skills

In our Life Skills work this half term, we will be focusing on bias online, echo chambers and considering the question 'Does the internet make us happy?'

Ways to support your child at home

Home learning tasks will be included in each child's book.

Other useful home learning tasks include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading (reading records will be sent home)
- Spelling revision
- Talking to them about Life Skills lessons

Maths

In our daily maths lessons this term, we will be covering the following topics: Decimals, fractions and percentages and statistics.

We will continue to have weekly arithmetic sessions (Basic Skills).

Throughout all topics, concrete apparatus may be used to help the children apply their knowledge and skills.

Key Vocabulary: Decimal, fraction, numerator, denominator, improper fraction, equivalent, percentage, mean, interpret.