



Nether Green Junior School

Half termly curriculum newsletter Y6 Autumn 1

Welcome

The teachers in Y6 this year are:
Y6HK – Mrs Handley & Mrs Kirby
Y6JC – Mrs Charlesworth
Y6OS – Miss Smith

The Teaching Assistants working in Y6 this year will be:
Mrs Ibrahim & Miss Wilkinson

The Phase Leader is Mrs Handley.

Mrs Charlesworth is the Assistant headteacher at Nether Green Junior School.

PPA Cover in Y6OS – Miss Adamson

PPA Cover in Y6JC – Mr H Allen

Home learning

Home learning will be set each Friday and is expected to be completed the following Thursday. A description of the task will be in each child's home learning book and in most cases, home learning is to be completed in the homework book.

Other home learning tasks will include:

- Timestable Rockstar
- Reading
- Spelling revision
- Spag.com

Useful information

- PE Days
 - Y6HK– Monday and Thursday
 - Y6JC – Monday and Friday
 - Y6OS – Monday and Tuesday

On your PE days, please make sure your child has their NGJS PE top, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms and appropriate footwear. All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

PPA.

The Y6 teacher's PPA will be on a Wednesday afternoon.

How to support your child at home

Reading

Regular reading with your child is still really important, once they have read to you, checking their understanding by asking them questions will support their progress in reading comprehension.

Spellings

Supporting your child with their spellings will help them attain high scores in their weekly test. This is undertaken every Friday. Practice can be completed in their home learning books.

Maths

Times Table Rockstars is a fantastic resource for the children to use. This will continue to consolidate their timetable knowledge and quick mental recall.

Key dates for the year

- Y6 Parent Information Evening: 12th September 2024
- Endcliffe Park Trip to enhance our Geography project – 24th September 2024
- Maths workshop – 9th October
- Bikeability: 14th-18th October & 21st - 25th October
- Y6 Parent/ carer Evenings: 23rd and 24th October
- Victorian Day 19th November
- Reading workshop 20th November
- Open classroom 28th November



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Life Skills

In our Life Skills work this half term, we shall be focusing on...

Are families ever perfect?

Within this unit we identify the positive features that should be present in a family, learn how to disagree with respect, know the difference between secrets and surprises (when to break confidentiality) and understand the concept of consent.

Is there such a thing as a normal family?

This question covers diversity in home lives.

Maths

We will be consolidating and deepening our place value understanding.

We will develop our addition and subtraction skills using both arithmetic and reasoning skills.

Spanish We will continue to work on our phonetics and learn to present ourselves.

Computing We will develop our coding skills using Selection & Variables in Scratch.

English – Curriculum links: electricity and renewable energy.

Our class book is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

Reading - comprehension and reading skills linked to science and geography. We will use First News to understand current affairs.

Poetry – Free Verse, The City of My Birth by Karl Nova

Writing – We will write newspaper reports and a balanced argument linked to our project learning.

RE This half term we will be learning about and debating the question “Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?”

Science

Electricity – The children will further their understanding of circuits and construct a simple series electrical circuit. They will use symbols to create accurate diagrams.

Geography *How should we power our world?*

In this Geography unit we will look at renewable energy and fossil fuels. We will carry out fieldwork in Endcliffe Park and develop our mapping skills.

We will further our understanding of climate change.

Music We will further develop our Music Fundamentals looking at swing rhythm; major and minor chords and baseline.

PE - We will be developing ball skills in Football and Handball.

We will continue to develop our cross-country stamina.

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We will combine our mechanics and electricity work in the creation of moving vehicles.