



Last Half Term

The children settled in brilliantly last half term and are beginning to see themselves as role models for the rest of the school. They have enjoyed meeting their Year 3 buddies, helping them settle into school and read weekly with them. Investigating whether to build a solar farm on Endcliffe Park helped children develop their fieldwork skills. In science, many children were very successful in creating a burglar alarm circuit system to protect the 'Mona Lisa'. A real highlight has been our DT project of designing, making and evaluating electric cars. Children showed great resilience and teamwork. In addition to the curriculum, many children participated in Bikeability, building their confidence and safety whilst cycling.

How to support your child at home

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

Useful information

PE days are as follows:

Y6PK – Tuesdays and Fridays

Y6JC – Mondays and Fridays

Y6OS – Mondays and Fridays

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate change of clothing for PE, including a school PE t-shirt and trainers. We will still be trying to get outside for PE if the weather allows so the children may wish to bring a hoodie to wear outside. They will also need to have long hair tied back. All jewellery must be removed.

Snacks are to be brought into classroom to keep in drawer.

Permission forms for mobile phones must be signed by parents/carers and phones must be stored in the classroom phone box.

Home learning

We will be giving the children CGP Maths Revision books to complete in line with the Maths curriculum covered in class. Home learning will now include SPaG.com

Key dates for the year

- Reading Workshop – Wednesday 19th November
- Y6 Open classroom Thursday 27th November
- Victorian Day - Thursday 4th December
- Robinwood & SATS information evening – Wednesday 7th January
- Robinwood 19th - 21st January
- Parents' Evening – Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th February
- World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
- SATS week – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May
- Y6 Open classroom – 19th May
- Crucial Crew – Tuesday 16th June
- Enterprise Day – Monday 6th July
- Leavers' concert – Tuesday 14th July
- Leavers' party -Thursday 16th July



Life Skills

What are stereotypes?

The children will be learning about gender stereotyping and the impact stereotyping can have on people.

How do we reduce sexism?

The children will be analysing gender representation in the media. Learning to respect the differences and similarities between people and recognising the importance of self-respect.

English -

Reading: In our reading sessions we will be reading *The Little Match Stick Girl Strikes Back* by Emma Carroll. We will delve deeply into the main characters and use our learning in History to support our understanding of the setting, in Victorian London. We will continue to develop our reading fluency and comprehension by looking at short texts relating to the Victorians, as well as current affairs and poetry.

Writing: We will explore the world our class reader further by writing setting descriptions and alternative story openings. We will study free verse poetry and we will create and perform our own.

RE Hinduism - Why do Hindus want to be good?

Science

We will be teaching Scientific Enquiry skills taught through investigations. The two investigations questions will be:

-Why some balls bounce higher than others?

-How does the size of the jar make a difference to how long a candle burns?

The famous scientist we will be studying is David Attenborough.

History – What impact did the Victorians have on Sheffield?

Our project learning objective is to understand the meaning of kingdom in the context of the Victorian Britain through a local study.

Music

Music Fundamentals for the half term are dotted rhythms, tempo and dynamics.

PE

Game: Dance; Netball

Hook: Ultimate Frisbee

Art

This half term we will be studying landscape art- what it is, what it can look like and how it has changed over time. In particular, we shall be looking at the work of Wang Wei, John Constable, Van Gogh, LS Lowry and Song Wenzhi.

Maths

We will be covering:

- Fractions, finding equivalents, ordering and simplifying fractions.
- Multiplying and dividing fractions
- Ratio
- Properties of circles.

Spanish

We will be learning about the solar system. We will continue to improve our pronunciation and grammatical understanding.

Computing

The children will be learning how to enter data into a spreadsheet and how to manipulate this data.