



Year 6 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2025

Topic

The Year 6 topic this term is Frozen Lands- life in the Arctic Circle. This year, we are lucky to be taking part in a project with the British Museum about the Arctic Circle and much of this term's work will be linked to that and will involve the British Museum bringing artefacts for us to look at in school. We are currently arranging visits with Arctic researchers and making connections with people living in the Arctic Circle whom we hope to contact via video conferencing later in the term! We will look at how climate change is impacting people and animals in the Arctic environment, the work of Inuit artists and science related to food chains and adaptation of animals and plants. We will be working with local artist, Bub Bacon, on textile work to produce our own version of 'Our Land' by Kenjuak Ashevak over the next 5 weeks as well as printing, painting and drawing. Our artwork will be exhibited in Kirkleatham Hall as part of the BMIYC in the Summer term- further details to follow when we have confirmation of dates. Elements of music, PSHE, Geography and History will also be covered within this topic.

Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term. They will then be given a reading range to help guide their choice of reading book. Please encourage your child to read at home as well as in school. We are currently having a push on trying to broaden the range of genres and authors that the children are accessing in their reading. Many of the children prefer to stick with the same books- Diary of a Wimpy Kid being a particular favourite of many! Whilst these are great books, they are limited in terms of vocabulary, different settings etc- if any children need any recommendations, please let me know via ClassDojo or get the children to ask me!



Science/DT

In Science, our focus this term is 'Living Things and their habitats'. We will be looking at plant and animal classification, Carolus Linnaeus' work on the development of a classification system and also micro-organisms.



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Home Learning and Homework

In Y6, children are provided with weekly homework. This will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rock Stars and ReadingPlus. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 6 Share Point.

Maths

In maths, the children will revise formal methods for the 4 rules of number and apply these in reasoning and problem-solving situations. We will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages so that we can order and compare them. In addition to this we will complete a short session on arithmetic daily which will cover a wide range of mathematic areas. Rapid knowledge of timetables is crucial- please encourage your child to work on these if they are not secure. Children are able to access their 'heat map' on TT RockStars which highlights particular times tables that they are struggling with so that they can target their practice.

English

In English, our writing will be linked to our topic. We will be writing a formal persuasive letter to an Arctic explorer, writing narratives linked to Inuit legends and writing reports on various people, places and animals from the Arctic Circle. Reading will focus on improving the clarity of written responses to comprehension questions, further developing fluency and reading speed and looking at strategies of trying to understand or make educated guesses about unfamiliar vocabulary using the words position in the sentence to help this. Alongside this, we will continue with Read Write Ink for spelling and also handwriting practice.

Computing

In Computing, we are lucky to have Dr Alan Brennan working with us. He has planned a fantastic unit of work linked to our topic. The children will be making animated PowerPoints, building lego robots and will be using various control programs to get the robots to perform tasks. We had our first session last Thursday and the children loved it!

P.E.

Year 6 pupils will have PE twice a week on Mondays and Fridays. On these days, we ask that your child wears a school P.E kit. This comprises of a pair of black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers. **If children are unable to participate in PE for any reason we ask you to contact school via email or write a note to the class teacher.**

If you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in contact via the school office or directly via ClassDojo.
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