

Homework

We encourage all children to read regularly for 20 minutes at a time wherever possible. As older readers, many Year 6 children are now free readers and do not need to be listened to aloud by an adult, but to establish good understanding, it is always good to talk with your child about what they have been reading. Remember also to record in their reading records the amount of time your child has read with the date and any relevant comments, as well as a signature, please. The children are asked to read a variety of text types, as well as develop tastes of certain genres and authors. With this in mind, we would like to remind you that children should read a combination of fiction, non-fiction, media and poetry and record this in the tally chart in their reading records.

Children will be given spellings, literacy and maths homework on a Friday which should be returned the following Friday. Please practise spellings daily if possible—little and often is the best way to learn them. Spellings will be tested on Friday morning.

Times Tables

Please help your child to learn any unknown times tables facts regularly with games, quizzes and tests: it really is essential that they have quick recall of these facts without having to count up multiples on their fingers. It aids efficiency in arithmetic and will really speed up their calculations.

Expectations in Rock Class

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working, but it is even more important that Year 6 pupils are seen to be setting an excellent example to the younger children of the school community, as prefects and role models. Following our school motto 'Be brave, Be kind, Belong', we want the children to challenge themselves and do the best they can whilst feeling a sense of pride and identity in their role as prefects. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work and we encourage and teach independence and organisational skills.

Class rewards

House points are given to individuals as reward for excellent behaviour, attitudes and work. Each week star awards are given and announced in assembly, but green cards will also be given for outstanding efforts and exemplary behaviour.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions or queries do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to a happy and enjoyable Summer term in Rock Class!

Thank you for your support.

With very best wishes,
Mr Finch



Rock Class Class Booklet—Summer Term 1

Teacher:
Mr Finch

Teaching Assistants:
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Dear parents,

Welcome back and I hope you enjoyed a safe and happy Easter break! This leaflet will keep you up to date with what your child will be learning during the first half of the Summer Term (although we are sure some things may change as we go along). In this half term the children will complete their SATs tests, which will take place in the week beginning May 13th. We will be working hard to support the children in preparing for the tests, ensuring that they all feel as relaxed and calm as they can be!

Literacy

This term, we will be enjoying beginning a new class book called, 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo, which links with our topic. We will look at a variety of forms of writing including recount and diary writing.

On a weekly basis we will also be covering the following:

- * Whole class guided reading linked to the book 'Friend or Foe'
- * Individual reading either independently or to an adult.
- * SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons.
- * Weekly spellings are sent home to reinforce what is being taught in school.

Maths

Year 6: In maths we will spend the four weeks running up to the SATs test revising all the areas of learning we have studied. This will ensure that the children are feeling confident in their knowledge and ability when they take each of the tests (they all deserve to be feeling very confident as they have worked so hard!) The final two weeks of the term will focus on completing a maths project that will incorporate a mixture of skills including ratio, fractions, shape and calculating profit and loss.

Computing

This term we will be using our computer time to support our maths revision. It is another way to support the children and help them build confidence in preparation for the SATs. The children will complete games and quizzes on the identified key areas of learning. We will also be looking at how to stay safe online towards the end of the term.

RE

In RE we will be learning about what Christians believe Jesus did to save people, reading a variety of Bible stories to build understanding. We will discuss the concept of sacrifice and how Christians put their beliefs into practice, including how they celebrate Holy Communion.

Science

This term we will be learning about electricity. The children will investigate how different parts of a circuit effect the flow of electricity and will also draw circuits using symbols.

Topic

We will be focusing on the continent of South America this term. The children will look at maps to locate the different countries; learn about rivers and the Amazon; learn about the geography of the continent and compare it with that of the UK.

PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education)

Each week the children will have PSHE lessons based on the Jigsaw Framework. During this half term, in the strand 'Healthy Me', we will learn about how food, drugs and alcohol affect the body. We will also build on our understanding of mental health and how to recognise what it means to be mentally well and/or stressed, learning how to manage feelings of stress.

Art

In Art, the children will be learning about the impressionist Claud Monet. They will look at and evaluate some of his work and produce their own Monet inspired art work.

Music

In music this half term we will continue to develop our ukulele skills, learning some new chords and trying our hand at a mixture of modern songs. We will also continue to study Hans Zimmer's 'Earth'.

PE

This term the children will continue to have PE on a Monday afternoon with Mr Rickard and on a Thursday with Mr Finch. In PE this term we will focus on the skills involved in tag rugby as well as developing the children's athletics skills.

French

This term Rock Class will be learning about music, art and culture with a French theme. We will start by judging and expressing an opinion about a select few songs from this year's Eurovision entries. We will touch briefly on the history of the French Revolution to compare some key differences between our two countries and look at some of the famous landmark monuments of Paris. In the final week we will learn about then create our own piece of art in the style of the Belgian artist Ben Heime focusing on his very unique Pencil Vs Camera art.