



Year 6 Spring Newsletter



Attendance Challenge

Each child should come to school every day to improve their learning and to help develop their life skills. In **Year 6, we expect 100% attendance from each child**. The attendance is checked daily and if any of the year 6 classes has had each child in everyday, then all the children in that class will be rewarded! The **winning class** each week will receive a **certificate, super star sticker** and a **non-uniform day at school just for that class**.

Last year one of our year 6 classes had three weeks in a row of 100% attendance! Let's hope that our year 6 classes can do this this year. Their prize was to go to Barra Hall Park for the afternoon, where everyone had a great afternoon playing games and enjoying the sunshine!

Spring 1 Curriculum

Maths:

In the spring term, we will cover a range of topics including: stories with a flashback, adventure stories and reports on a product.

The children will also complete work on grammar such as subordinate clauses, prepositions, embedded clauses and inverted commas. (The children have been given a list of definitions that the adults can use too!) To help the children in their grammar assessments they need to ensure that they know what all the grammar terms mean, and that they can use them within a sentence.

Maths:

In maths the children will cover a wide range of topics including: measurements, time, four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication), co-ordinates, shape and number work - place value, fractions, decimals and percentages. The children need to ensure that they learn their times tables, and even know the division equivalent.

A list of useful websites to help with revision at home:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

Reading and Homework

Reading

Thank you for supporting us with reading with your children at home! Year 6 have some fantastic readers - keep it up! Please do ask your children questions each night to ensure they are taking in what they are reading.

Each child is expected to read for at least 15 minutes every single day. **If your child has not read and their reading log is not signed daily then they will attend reading catch up at break time.**

Please support us and your child by ensuring the tasks above are completed so that the children enhance their learning and do not have to miss out on some of their play and reward times to complete them.

Homework:

English and Maths homework will be given out every Thursday and must be returned by Tuesday. Occasionally a piece of cross curricular (topic) homework may be given as well.

If homework is not returned on time then your child will have to attend homework detention. Homework club is every Friday and Monday; it is a club children can attend to complete homework or gain further help.

Creative Curriculum:

In the spring term, we will be covering lots of geography skills by finding out all about Australia. We will learn about the history of Australia, the landscape and how it fits into the commonwealth. The children will be researching different countries over the holidays for their homework but any research that they can complete on Australia would be very beneficial to them!

Opening Minds

Communication and Leadership are just two of our foci for the spring term. The children will develop these skills during art and PE. Opening Minds has been a feature at WEPA for many years and helps the children to develop the skills that they will need for when they start secondary school and in their adult life.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Sikh artefacts and answering big questions.

We will think about our opinions on various topics such as how the universe began and why, what is meant by faith and why it is important to tell the truth.



Spring Term Top Tips!

Reading

How many books can you read? Try and achieve your first or next badge on your star reader scheme.

- Read 5 Books and receive a Bronze certificate.
- Read 12 books and receive a Silver Certificate.
- Read 20 books and receive a Gold Certificate.

Remember the books have to be from a variety of genres such as mystery, poetry and non-fiction. Remember the star reader scheme and earn certificates as you journey towards the ultimate goal of the very special Wood End Park Academy Star Reader badge.

Maths

Do you know all of your times tables? Try and test yourself - see how many times tables you can recall in *1 minute*. The speedier you are at your tables - the easier lots of arithmetic questions are in your assessments.

Writing

Complete your homework every week - make sure that you take your time and follow the success criteria. The more that you write - the better your assessment results will be. Challenge yourself to include lots of the next age related expectations (that you are aiming for) features, as well as considering the punctuation, sentence openers and connectives that you use.

Science - In the Spring term, the children will investigate 'light' and 'electricity'. They will look at circuits and how they work. As well as this the children will find out about reflections and how we see. The children will carry out some investigations to prove their theories. How many facts can your child learn about these two subjects to bring into school?

