

Year 6 Class Newsletter

Spring Term

Welcome back everyone and we hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break and a very Happy New Year and are looking forward to 2017. I would like to start the year by welcoming Mrs Owen into our ranks.

She will be helping within the class in the run up to the SATS period.

Beginning the spring term, our new topic will be focused around 'Tomorrow's World'. Communication is a part of the world we live in; text messaging, emails, websites, blogs and podcasts etc. This topic will explore the world of technology and how communication is available at our fingertips through many different means. We will be looking at items and technology that has helped shape the generation we live in. Any questions, please feel free to come and see us.

Mr Bawn, Mrs Turner and Mrs Owen

MATHS

With our class topic being focused around Tomorrow's World, this will give us a chance to explore and analyse many different types of data. Statistics, ratio and proportion will be explored in great depth during this topic. Please keep encouraging the kids to have a go at least 3-4 times a week on hit the button to multiplication and division facts are seamless, as this will help with their progression and pace during Year 6 maths. We will be continuing our work and familiarisation with SATS/mastery based questions in which the children will be working with different groups throughout the week with the teachers.



ENGLISH

As you have read above, our topic this term will be focusing on 'Tomorrow's World'. Through writing, the children will learn how to set up their own class blog and build a homepage of their choice. They may even suggest grammatical ways of improving our school website!

Emails and blogs, newspaper reports, websites, thriller narratives and podcasts will be used in detail this term to help document our progression through the technological age, giving the children scope for all forms display.

We have now come to the end of our CGP SATS revision books. However, the children have now been issued with new copies of Rising Star revision books.

The children will be issued homework on a topic, backed up with a corresponding test e.g. preposition phrases and preposition phrases test. Once again, these pieces of homework, especially for reading and SPAG are NOT timed and children may ask/research help if necessary. Any problems please come in and see one of the teachers.

Once again, spellings can be found at:

https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=year+6+spelling+list&espy=2&biw=1366&bih=643&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj1xMnuz6XOAhWkHsAKHYCAAnYQ_AUIBigB&dpr=1#imgrc=x54UKxk0A3jI-M%3A

Spelling, punctuation, handwriting and reading sessions will continue to take place weekly with the book relevant to our topic; Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz. We have included an American style 'Spelling Bee' into the class this term so encourage as much spelling practice as possible.

SCIENCE

The advancement in technology over the years has changed the way in which we operate. Gaming stations, electricity and lighting are just a handful of things which spring to mind. Therefore, we thought it only fitting to give the children the chance to build their own robots and circuits to investigate the advancement in technology in the last 100 years.

ART

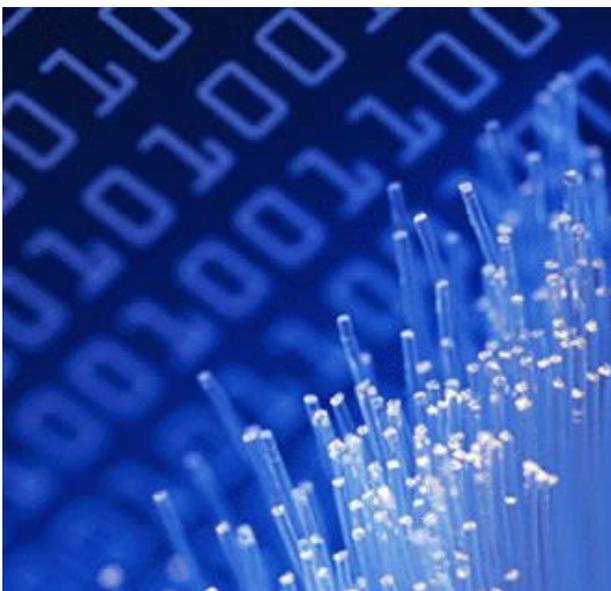
With the rapid progression of technology, many companies needed to 'brand' their inventions with logos. Therefore, the children will be creating and branding their own technological pieces; creating a logo which will be at the heart of their company/invention.

ICT

Tomorrow's World will give us the scope to explore many different areas of ICT. In particular, the children will be looking at website design, and possibly suggesting certain ways in which to improve websites of their choice, maybe suggesting some improvements for our own school website.

MUSIC

Miss Soden will continue delivering singing sessions and teaching music lessons on Wednesday mornings,



PE and PSHE

The children will still continue to have weekly PE lessons delivered now by Mr Thomas on a Wednesday morning and by Mr Bawn on a Thursday afternoon.

On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, please make sure your child has PE kit, consisting of dark shorts and house t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls.

PSHE this term will look at internet safety and the advantages and disadvantages the internet can hold. We will also be exploring the job sector of the technological world and looking at the different options available.

HOMEWORK

As explained previously, the children have now completed their CGP SATS revision books and have now moved on to the more challenging Rising Star revision books. Each child will be given 6 books; x2 maths, x2 reading and x2 SPAG. Tasks will be set with corresponding tests in their partner books. These should be completed **individually**, but encourage children to research answers and ask for help if they are struggling. Homework will be handed out at least three times a week and will usually be expected in the following morning ready to mark. Encourage children to complete their homework sooner rather than later so they can ask for help before it is too late. Homework club runs every lunch time, so there is no reason children cannot complete their homework if they have a busy weekend planned.

The kids will receive weekly spellings in line with the Year 5/6 National Curriculum. Spelling Bees will take place on **Monday afternoon**, so encourage children to learn these over the weekend and throughout the week.

Internet Safety

