

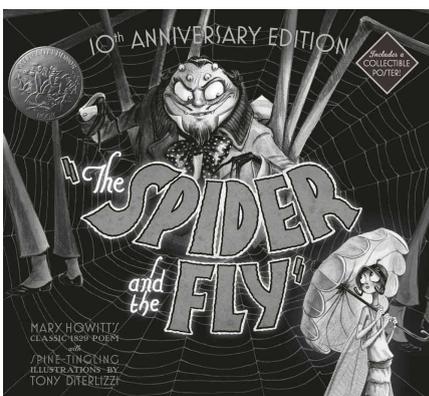
Year 6 Newsletter Term 1 Autumn 2020

Welcome back! This term, our topic will be Prehistory Mystery in History and the Heart and Circulatory System in Science and we have lots of fun and exciting learning planned!



English

In our English lessons we will be basing our writing on the text 'the Spider and the Fly'. The story tells of a cunning spider who entraps a fly into its web through the use of persuasion and manipulation. Through this text, children will focus on exploring language and character and then go on to produce informational texts and use persuasive techniques in their writing. There will be a strong emphasis on grammar, spelling, punctuation and handwriting. Guided reading will be taught on a daily basis and there will be many opportunities for children to enjoy whole class as well as individual reading.



Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on a range of different objectives. We will mainly be looking at Number (the four operations and fractions, decimals and percentages), and geometry. We will also be focusing on applying this knowledge when solving problems. Mental arithmetic will be taught alongside this on a weekly basis and there will be daily practice of times tables.

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3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

It would be of great benefit if you could practise the times tables with your child regularly at home.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>This term, our science topic is 'Animals, including humans'. Throughout this topic, children will be taught to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system and to describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will be answering the question 'Why do we need a heart?' We will also be looking at the importance of a healthy lifestyle!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Topic</u></p> <p>We have a History focus this term, looking at the changes made throughout the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We will be focusing on different artefacts discovered from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, and then comparing them to uses of technology now. We will be asking the question: Which was more impressive: the Stone Age, the Bronze Age or the Iron Age?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>Indoor and outdoor PE will be taught on a Tuesday afternoon and the focus will be Games.</p> <p>Please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform (White t-shirt and black/blue shorts).</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHE/ Sex and Relationships Education</u></p> <p>This term in SRE, we will be teaching the following objective: To consider puberty and reproduction. If you have any questions or queries regarding this please see your child's teacher.</p> <p>Throughout the year, we will be regularly exploring emotional well being and what children can do to help themselves to manage their emotions.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Black History Month</u></p> <p>This year, we will be celebrating Black History Month 12th - 19th October. More information will follow shortly.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Home learning</u></p> <p>Every Friday, children will be given a piece of Maths and a piece of English work to be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework will now run online due to health and safety restrictions. Alongside this, there will also be a project based around our topic, which children can complete at home. We would love to see pictures of the children's work posted on our padlet page. Further details are on the home learning project letter. Children will also continue to be given a levelled home reading book each week. Children are also invited to choose books from our class library as and when they need changing.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water Bottles & Book Bags</u></p> <p>Due to coronavirus restrictions, all water fountains in our playgrounds have been closed. It is therefore important that children bring in their own water bottles into school each day. Water bottles should be taken home at the end of each day and cleaned.</p> <p>We are asking all children not to bring in book bags unless they are for their back lunches. This helps us reduce the risk of transmission.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for all your support! We are really excited about the year ahead!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms Broomfield (Mauve Class) and Ms Dodd (Purple Class)</p>	