

Sheen Mount Primary School



Spring Term Update – Year 6

Dear parents and carers,

Here is an overview of the children's learning for the forthcoming spring term.

English

The children will be continuing to develop their writing skills by producing two narratives and a scientific explanation text. At home, you can help by sharing talk about the books that you and your child are reading and by exposing your child to text types other than fiction e.g. newspapers and sets of instructions. Please remember that reading at home should be a daily activity and forms part of your child's homework.

Maths

Our focus will be on measurement, fractions, decimals and percentages, geometry, statistics, and ratio and proportion. You can help at home by practising rapid recall of number facts, especially times tables; and by rehearsing mental methods in practical situations, such as converting units of measure and estimating capacity when cooking. Talking about time, including reading the time and referring to timetables, would also be extremely useful.

Science

Our science topics will be electricity and light. We will use electrical equipment to build circuits and consider the effects of changing different components. The children will learn about how light travels and how the human eye works. The scientific skills we will focus on are drawing precise diagrams and giving clear explanations of our results.

Humanities

In geography, we will be learning about the Mediterranean region with a specific focus on Italy and the city of Bologna. Later in the term, our history lessons will focus on early Islamic civilisations.

Computing

We will learn how to create spreadsheets using Google Sheets. We will move on to exploring how data is transferred over the internet and the creation of websites for a chosen purpose.

PE and Games

PE will take place on Wednesday mornings with Mr Brown where the children will focus on the attacking and defending principles of play in netball and basketball. On Thursday mornings, the children will learn jumps in gymnastics specifically focusing on skills required to use a vault. The children should attend school in their PE kits on those days. In colder weather, this can include plain, dark-coloured leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

Additional PE lessons on Mondays:

6AD: 19th January, 23rd February, 23rd March

6B: 2nd February, 23rd February, 9th March

6S: 19th January, 2nd February, 9th March, 23rd March

Design Technology, Art and Music

The children will use their design and technology skills to evaluate a range of pasta sauces to design and make their own pasta sauce recipe. They will then make fresh pasta to serve with it. Art will continue to focus on an artist study of David Hockney where the children will use the skills they have learnt to create a whole class piece inspired by Hockney. In music, we will learn about a variety of styles of Indian music, focussing on three in particular – bhangra, Bollywood, and classical – as well as composing their own rhythmic piece for percussion instruments.

French

We will be developing further our vocabulary relating to food and drink and the habitats of animals and plants.

RE and PSHE

Our RE studies will think back to learning about prayer and worship. We will find out about significant religious and non-religious journeys and pilgrimages and why going to a particular place is so important to some people. In the second half term, we will be interpreting and exploring different sources of wisdom and beliefs about why there is suffering in the world. We will consider our own and others' ideas using critical thinking skills.

In PSHE, our topics are 'economic wellbeing' and 'citizenship'. We will also be looking at the living values of responsibility and humility.

Homework

Homework will be set on Google Classroom every Thursday and should usually be returned the following Monday, unless the task instructions state otherwise. Homework will usually consist of spelling, maths and one other activity which is linked to the week's learning.

How to help at home

- Develop your child's independence (buy them a diary, create opportunities for them to read a bus timetable, allow them to pack their own bags for school, taking responsibility for delivering and returning messages to and from school etc.)
- Expose them to a range of challenging real life texts to continue to develop their awareness of different genres and improve their comprehension skills.
- Encourage them to use and apply their maths skills in real life situations, for example budgeting their pocket money, and understanding weights and measures when preparing and cooking food.

Diary dates

Week beginning 23rd February: D & T pasta making

Friday 27th February: sharing our learning

Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March: parent consultations

Friday 6th March: World Book Day

Tuesday 17th March: Junior Citizen trip to Holly Lodge

Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th March: Bikeability (for those that did not do it in week 1)

Friday 27th March: end of term

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team

Teachers: Mrs Adams and Mrs D'Urso (6AD), Mrs Sroka (6S) and Miss Breckon (6B)

Support Staff: Mrs Hay, Mrs Hopwood, Miss Stannell, Mrs Brenna, Mrs Barry, Mrs Vadgama, Mr Wiseman