



Year Six

Parent Newsletter
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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after Christmas!
We hope you have all had a good rest and are ready to continue your learning in Year Six.
Here is what we will be learning;



Subject	<u>Learning Challenge—Antarctica— Wild or Wonderful?</u>
Geography	<p>As Geographers we will be locating Antarctica and discussing the significance of the Equator, longitude and latitude on the weather there. We will be comparing the physical and human features of Antarctica to ours in the UK.</p> <p>As part of our social responsibility, we will be looking at issues of Global warming and discussing how these affect life in Antarctica.</p>
Art and Design	<p>As designers we will explore different types of shelters and discuss the techniques used to make these. We will test and evaluate different materials and investigate how to make strong structures.</p> <p>To finish the unit, we will design and make a suitable shelter for an Antarctic explorer that is as weather proof as we can make it!</p>
P.E.	<p>P.E. sessions will still be on the following days; All year six classes will have P.E. on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.</p> <p>You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out. In the winter we will still be outside if it's dry and you are welcome to bring jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers to help keep you warm. If, for any reason, you are poorly or unable to do PE you will need a note from home before you are excused.</p>
PSHE	<p>During this half term we will be discussing everyone's worth as an individual and discussing our positive characteristics and achievements. We will be looking at how our mistakes can make us stronger and how we can make amends for these while we set personal goals. As we face new challenges, we will be discussing how we can do this effectively by making responsible choices; with the knowledge that our decisions can have an impact on others.</p>



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Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

Subject	
 <p>Literacy</p>	We will be developing our reading and writing skills throughout the half term by exploring and creating poetry related to Antarctica. Our knowledge of descriptive features used in a range of genres will be developed alongside our ability to use a wider range of ambitious vocabulary to understand what we read and create effective pieces of text. We will be continuing to develop our grammar and punctuation skills.
 <p>Mathematics</p>	Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year Six.
 <p>Science</p>	<u>As scientists</u> we will be finding out how living things on earth have changed over time. We will consider the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring. We will also learn that variation in offspring over time can make animals more or less able to survive in particular environments. We will find out about the work of palaeontologists such as Mary Anning and about how Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace developed their ideas on evolution.
 <p>ICT</p>	<u>As information communication technologists</u> we will learn to manipulate the data in a spreadsheet and look at how we can use these to be more efficient. As part of our learning, we will use various formulae and sum tools effectively to create our own spreadsheets.
<p>RE</p>	<u>As theologians</u> we will focus on why pilgrimage is important to religious believers. We will identify what pilgrims hope for from their religious journey, and explain the meaning of pilgrimage for some believers. We will learn specifically about the Hajj for Muslims and Christian pilgrimage to places such as Lourdes.
<p>French</p>	<u>As linguists</u> we will be learning the names of the continents, revising weather phrases and learning how to use the future tense to give a weather forecast.

Homework

Each week the children are required to complete homework. This includes reading with your child. Homework might also include questions to investigate as well as more traditional pieces such as spellings or times tables. Ideas for additional games you could play with your child are included in the 'Fluency' leaflet.

Monday	15 minutes reading	Please make sure you know your times tables!
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	A mixture of work tasks and questions to investigate in the form of a project. To be returned to school for checking on a Wednesday.
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	
Friday	15 minutes reading	Spellings—for following Friday and Maths given Friday to be returned Wednesday



Reading

Your reading book must be in school every day. You are expected to change your book regularly. Every time you change your book you will receive a merit point if you have completed your Reading Record successfully. Please ask the people you read to at home to initial your Reading Record after you have read because it will be checked. You should write the title, author, start and completion date and comment in your Reading Record – not the people at home who look after you!

Parents Maths Workshops

Tuesday 26th January

Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced. Regular newsletters will be sent with important dates.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn – details can be seen on our website under 'Information – School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the term.

The Year Six Brooklands Team