



## Year Six

# Parent Newsletter Spring Two 2016

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A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back!

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— Beauty or the Beast?</u>
<b>Geography</b> 	<p>As Geographers we will be discussing how animals adapt to survive in this environment. We Will be writing an explanation of how a penguin survives here.</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> 
<b>Art and Design</b>	<p>As designers we will evaluate current suitable clothing for Antarctica and discuss materials which fit this purpose.</p> <p>By looking at a range of hats, we will assess their effectiveness and the process that is used to make them.</p> <p>We will produce our own hat for an Antarctic explorer.</p>
<b>P.E.</b> 	<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> 
<b>PSHE</b> 	<p>During this half term we will be learning that pressure to behave in an unacceptable or risky way can come from a variety of sources, including known people and considering how to ask for help, and use basic techniques for resisting pressure to do wrong. We will also be discussing how their actions affect themselves and others, caring about other people's feelings and trying to see things from their point of view.</p>

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Subject	
<b>Literacy</b> 	We will be developing our reading and writing skills throughout the half term by exploring biography and discussion texts. We will develop our use of the appropriate structural and language features. We will use a wide range of ambitious vocabulary to convey our ideas, supporting this with the use of a dictionary and thesaurus. We will be continuing to develop our grammar and punctuation skills.
<b>Mathematics</b> 	Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year Six.
<b>Science</b> 	<u>As scientists</u> we will be revising the Key Stage 2 content.
<b>ICT</b> 	<u>As information communication technologists</u> we will be looking at coding and how we can develop these to create our own programs and games.
<b>RE</b>	<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 Christian pilgrimage to places such as Lourdes.
<b>French</b> 	In French we will be learning to recognise and form the past, present and future tenses.

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.

### 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 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!

### Fluency

This half-term in our fluency sessions we will be revisiting some key areas in number including: multiplication, division, rounding, fractions, decimals and percentages.

### 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