



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—Was everything really golden in 900AD?</u>
Geography and History 	<p>As Geographers we will be locating Baghdad and researching the rulers and key figures of the time. We will learn about the layout of the city and how it was different to others of the time. By tracking the silk road, we will discover how Baghdad played an important role in the shaping the World in 900AD.</p> 
Art and Design	<p>As artists, we will be exploring Islamic art, considering how Muslims use art to express their faith. In order to do this, we will apply and expand our mathematical knowledge of geometry to create beautiful Islamic patterns.</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. 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 learning to face new challenges positively by collecting information, looking for help, making responsible choices and taking action. We will also research, discuss and debate topical issues, problems and events.</p> 

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Subject	
 <p>Literacy</p>	<p>Over the first few weeks, we will be focussing on Grammar and punctuation skills. During our English lessons in the second half of the term, our key text will be 1001 Arabian nights. Throughout the lessons we will be discussing figurative language and the impact of images. We will be constructing our own stories based on those in the Arabian nights.</p>
 <p>Mathematics</p>	<p>Please refer to our website for details of National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year Six.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p><u>As scientists</u> we will be revising the Key Stage 2 content.</p>
 <p>ICT</p>	<p><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.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<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 Christian pilgrimage to places such as Lourdes.</p>
 <p>French</p>	<p>In French this term we will be learning about foods that you would find on a café menu, and how to order them. We will do an ice-cream role-play and a play set in a café. We may even do some cooking!</p>

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	 Spelling— for following Friday and Maths given Friday to be returned Wednesday
Friday	15 minutes reading	

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