



Year Six

Parent Newsletter
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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	Learning Challenge— What was the impact of WW1?
History	As historians we will be learning about World War One. We will consider the reasons for the outbreak of war and look in detail at life in the trenches including the health hazards and weapons. We will also learn about the role of women and the lives of children at this time.
Art and Design	As artists, we will be improving our sketching techniques using sketching pencils and investigating the use of charcoal to create different effects. We will be looking at the work of CRW Nevinson and implementing a similar style with our own pieces of artwork.
P.E. 	Both 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.
PSHE 	This half term we will be learning about puberty and reproduction, understanding relationships and conception and pregnancy. We will learn about correct names for body parts and about the changes experienced by girls and boys during puberty. We will discuss physical and emotional behaviour in relationships and explore the process of conception and pregnancy. There will be more information to follow before we start this topic.

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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>	<p>As linguists, we will be learning about the key features of reports and explanation texts and will create our own texts including a range of spelling, grammar and punctuation features learned about this half term.</p> <p>We will continue to read War Horse by Michael Morpurgo to support our learning about WW1.</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>As scientists we will be learning about the main parts of the human circulatory system and to describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.</p> <p>We will also consider the impact of diet, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>In computing we will learn to use Espresso Coding to create apps.</p> <p>We will be looking at variables and how changing them affects what happens when the app is run.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>As theologians, we will continue to focus on how people express their faith through the arts. We will understand different ways of life and ways of expressing meaning, explore and show understanding of similarities and differences between different religions and worldviews and apply our own ideas thoughtfully in different forms—including art.</p>
<p>French</p>	<p>As linguists, we will be learning the names of school subjects, and places around school. We will also be learning how to describe our school uniform, using colours and patterns.</p>

Homework

Each week you are required to complete homework. This includes reading with somebody at home.

Monday	15 minutes reading	Spellings—for test on the following Monday (as a change from last term)
Tuesday	15 minutes reading	
Wednesday	15 minutes reading	
Thursday	15 minutes reading	
Friday	15 minutes reading	Children will continue to have either Maths homework or Learning Challenge homework. This will alternate each week and should be returned to school on a Friday.

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 sticker for your rainbow reading chart. When you complete a colour you will get a prize! 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 evening will be on 15th and 17th November 2016.

Extra Curricular

Clubs will be available – details to be announced.

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 year.

The Year Six Brooklands Team