



Year 6 Newsletter

Week 6- beginning 10th October

It seems strange to think that next week is the final week before half term but it has very much been a fantastic start to Year 6.

The children have had a relatively normal week this week without too many interruptions. Once again though, they continue to apply themselves well, having fun along the way!

A big thank you to Harry and Gracie this week. They represented the school fantastically and are our new 'Well Being Warriors.' They went to Accrington Academy and took part in a workshop, working with other schools and finding out all about the role of a warrior!

English- We started the week with an independent writing activity based on the text we have been following. The children had Monday morning to plan, write and edit a long piece of writing. Although it was a daunting task, they produced some really exciting survival stories. I am gradually getting through them and discussing with the children how well they have done and areas to think about for next time.

We then moved onto biographies. We will continue this until the end of next week. We have looked at some famous people, and will be focussing on some key scientists next week (to link with survival) before choosing another person to write about. I have asked the children to think about someone they want to write about so that they can gather some information as part of their home work.

Maths- In Maths for this week and next, we will be focussing on multiplication of whole numbers and decimals. I am regularly trying to encourage the children to try different approaches of getting the same answer so they have a 'wider range of tools in their box.'

We have doubled numbers (including decimals) through partitioning as either a method or a way of checking their own working out. We have also multiplied decimals using written and mental methods.

Science- In Science this week, we looked at mutation and survival and how offspring can sometimes have a mutation that could have positives or negatives on their survival rate.

Music- Brass was really good this week. The children on a whole are producing some good sounds already and Mr Sagar is impressed! We played our first tune (this is on his video

lessons) and are starting to learn the different notes. I will try and upload a video of them playing on the website if it isn't too big!

Geography -We identified where the Tropics are and compared the climate to the UK. The children then wrote a fact leaflet about a chosen place in the Tropics. We used our computing time to create the leaflet.

Reading books- I collected the children's reading journals in last week to see how much they had been reading at home. We have now agreed that they must write the date and page numbers of they have read when reading at home. Some had not been filling this in and now just helps us monitor their reading etc. I appreciate that some of the books children choose are quite big so the number of books read is low but please remember to note down the pages you've read.

Spellings/Homework- A reading comprehension based on one of the scientists we will be looking at.

Please remember to encourage your child to continue practising times tables using TTRS on a regular basis.

Try to follow the school on Facebook and Twitter, there have already been pictures of Year 6 this week.

Next week, we will be going on our trip to Outdoor Elements. We have been through with the children the lift arrangements and they all knew how they were getting there and back. If anything has changed, please let us know but they were all pretty confident of their arrangements. If we haven't contacted you or spoken to you about taking anyone extra etc this is because it is all sorted and you are continuing with your original arrangements. Please refer to the kit list that was sent out originally but remember to dress appropriately for the weather. The forecast isn't too bad at the moment for Wednesday but we all know how quickly that can change!

If you have any questions about the trip, grab me on the yard or get in touch with the office and I will get back to you ASAP.

Many thanks

Mr Stell and Mrs Pallister

Dates for your diary:

Trip to Outdoor Elements- 19th October

Rainbow Day- 21st October

End of half term- 21st October