



Stanburn Primary School

Believe Achieve Succeed - Learning without limits

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023



Key Dates:

High School Application Deadline: Monday 31st October 2023.

Year 6 Class Assemblies all at 9am:

Platinum - 23.11.23 Dove - 9.11.23

Pebble - 2.11.23 Silver - 16.11.23

Anti-bullying week: WB 13th November 2023

Road Safety Week: WB 20th November 2023

Parents Evening: 28th November and 30th November 2023

Christmas Panto: Monday 4th December 2023

Christmas Jumper Day: 7.12.23

End of term: Thursday 21st December 2023 at 1:30pm

We have had a great start to the year and your children have settled in incredibly well. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to your child's class dojo account so you can access their class story. These are updated regularly throughout the week.

The school target for attendance is 97%. Please make sure your child is in school everyday.

Year 6's attendance this half term was: 96.6%

Early Learning: Children should aim to arrive at school for 8:35am when Early Learning begins. Missing just 15 minutes of learning each day = 2 full weeks of school each year!

Science

This half term, children will be learning about animals, including humans. The children will be predominantly investigating the circulatory and digestive system and identifying the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood itself. The children will also be looking at how nutrients and water are transported in plants and animals. Finally, the children will learn about the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.



[Animals including Humans](#)

Mathematics

This half term, children will continue to build on and strengthen their knowledge of the KS2 maths curriculum including securing number facts and relationships as well as practising their reasoning and problem solving skills. Children will first learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions before deepening their understanding by solving fraction related problems. Finally, they will compare and classify geometric shapes based on their known properties.

English

The children have thoroughly enjoyed *Toby Alone* by Timothee de Fombelle this half term thus we are excited to be continuing our work in Autumn 2. Throughout this next unit of work, children will explore the author's choice of language, structure and in particular the effect it has on the reader. They will be learning how to analytically evaluate a text, which will aid their reading comprehension skills. Pupils will also use this adventure story as a stimulus for a range of formal writing genres. Pupils will also take part in SPaG lessons weekly.



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SATs 2024

KS2 SATs will take place:
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May 2024.
More details about this will be shared in our Meet the Teacher session.

In order to help your child revise for their SATs assessments we recommend you use the CGP books.

PE

Indoor: This half term, half of the year group will be taking part in Dance where they will learn the importance of balance, agility and collaboration. The other half will be having Yoga sessions where pupils will learn a range of postures as well as mindfulness techniques.

Outdoor: Football: tactics and teamwork will be our focus.



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Geography - This half term, children will be focusing on foods produced around the world and the season(s) foods grow and thrive in. In addition, they will also examine the importance of fair trade foods, carbon footprints and food miles. [Food Miles](#)



DT - Our topic this half term is 'Plant based recipes'. We will evaluate and investigate a range of healthy, plant based foods and design a healthy, plant based food project.

Music - This half term's unit is Journeys. The theme of challenging journeys in life resonates through this selection of songs and pieces of music with thoughts of change and transition, and binds them in an optimistic and uplifting song cycle performance.

MFL - Pupils will be consolidating the language covered in previous years and learning how to talk about activities that they enjoy. They will be able to discuss what they did at the weekend and state their likes and dislikes.

Computing - As part of the computing curriculum, children will be using Purple Mash to learn how to code using the PRIMM approach. We will also continue to learn about Online Safety.



RE - Que es Navidad?

The unit will look at The Christmas Story in depth and encourage children to look for differences and similarities in the two accounts within the Bible. The children will investigate traditions associated with celebrating Christmas both here and around the world.

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PSHE (including RHE) - In this unit, children will be celebrating differences. They will be able to explain ways in which differences can be a source of conflict as well as a cause for celebration.



Final word

Thank you for your support last half term. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to contact us via Dojo or by the school office, or at the end of the school day at pick up.

Kind regards,
The Year 6 Team

History

This term we will also be beginning our History unit, Year 6 pupils will be learning about The Vikings discussing questions such as: What image do we have of the Vikings? Why have the Vikings gained such a bad reputation? And, How did the Vikings try and take over the country?



[Vikings](#)

How you can support your child at home:

Support your child by using the CGP books, work set for home learning and reading regularly with your child. Also, please click on the hyperlinks in this newsletter to have further support with this term's topics.



Home Learning -

- Children will receive weekly home learning in English and Maths, as well as 20 minutes of reading to be done at least 5 times a week. Tasks will be uploaded online via our the [Year 6 MS Teams page](#).

- Your child will record their home learning that has been set in their Home Learning books and on [MyMaths](#) so please check these regularly. Home Learning is set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday.

- Spellings are also given out on Fridays and tested weekly.