

# Year 6 - Mahogany

Dear parents,

Welcome to the spring term of your child's primary education. We would like to congratulate your children on the academic progress that they have made during the autumn term, and we look forward to further knowledge being acquired and more academic progress being made this term. Please cast your eyes over the newsletter below which outlines the curriculum focus for the spring term, as well as highlights any information that is of high importance for the academic progress of your child.

## **English:**

This term we will be exploring the text, 'The Journey' and using it as a stimulus for a number of writing genres such as, narratives, letters and diary entries. Through these text types we will be experimenting with language, sentence structure and sentence openers.

After this unit, we will be focusing on the text, 'Cosmic - it's one giant leap for all boy-kind.' From this text, we will be producing balanced arguments, newspaper articles and biographies. Through these pieces of writing we will be experimenting with punctuation and tone of voice.



## **History and Geography:**

Through our history lessons we will first be broadening our understanding of the 'Medieval Era,' followed by a key event in history: the sinking of the Titanic.

Within our geography lessons we will be focusing on the unit, 'Oceans and Seas.' During this unit, we will be looking closely at the highly publicised environmental issue of plastic pollution and the detrimental effects that it is having on our oceans and seas.

## **PE:**

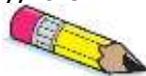
In our outdoor PE sessions, we will be developing our knowledge of Lacrosse with the Skills Academy team. As well as this, for our indoor PE sessions we will be strengthening our handling skills.



## **Key tasks:**

In order to help your child to develop academically, it is essential that they do the following:

- Read **every** night for at least **20 minutes**.
- Read a range of text types to broaden their understanding, e.g. newspapers, stories, poems, non-fiction.
- Practise their times tables so that they are confident in all of their multiplication facts up to the 12 times tables.



## **Maths:**

In maths we will be working hard to develop our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills, whilst covering a range of mathematical topics which include the following:

- Geometry – position and direction.
- Decimals and percentages.
- Algebra.
- Converting units of measure.
- Perimeter, area and volume.
- Ratio.

## **Science**

In Science we will be putting our lab coats on and first exploring the topic, 'Reversible and Non Reversible Changes.' Following on from this, we will be focusing on the topic, 'Light.' Drawing on our own scientific knowledge, we will be participating in a range of fun science experiments in order to gain an understanding of how light travels.

## **Art**

For our first unit we will be focusing on a well-known artist: Andy Warhol. Within this unit, we will be looking closely at his 'Pop Art' style and the use of repetition and bold colours. From this, we will then be experimenting with the new skills taught in order to create our own Andy Warhol inspired piece of artwork.

For our second unit we will be focusing on another popular artist: Picasso. During this unit, we will be exploring the artistic movement of 'Cubism.'



## **Key Dates:**

Please be advised that the children will be sitting their official SATs tests in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

## **Important Information:**

- Homework will still be set every **Friday** and we expect it to be completed and returned by the following **Thursday**.
- PE will take place on **Monday** and **Thursday** each week, so please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE on these days.