



Marchwood Junior School

Our Learning Family that Inspires you to Dream

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Autumn 1: Year 6 newsletter



Important Dates for Autumn 1:

Tuesday 8 th September	School Photos
Thursday 10 th September	Osmington Bay Residential information meeting (5:30)
Wednesday 23 rd September	Parents' Evening (4.00-7.00pm)
Thursday 24 th September	Parents' Evening (4.00-6.00pm)
Mon 28 th Sept - Fri 2 nd Oct	Osmington Bay Residential and Activity Week
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 6 ACE Time (2:15pm)

Welcome to Year 6. We hope you have had a fantastic summer break and your children are looking forward to the year ahead. We have four teachers in Year 6 this year:

Mrs Hoskins 6H - jhoskins@marchwoodjun.co.uk

Mrs Smart 6S - psmart@marchwoodjun.co.uk

Mrs Hallinan - (6S - Monday and 6H - Friday) mhallinan@marchwoodjun.co.uk

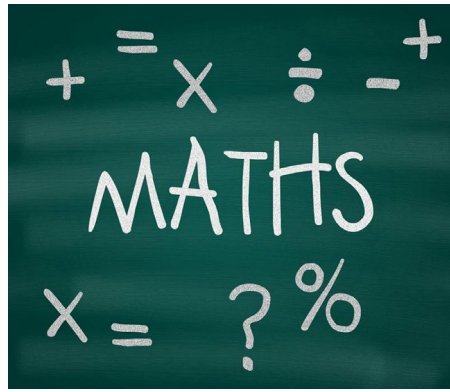
Mrs Gregory 6SG (Mon-Wed) - tgregory@marchwoodjun.co.uk

Mr Scallan 6SG (Thurs - Fri) - gscallan@marchwoodjun.co.uk

If you have any issues, then please feel free to contact us. Please note that urgent issues should be passed on at the school gate or via the office as teachers may not check their emails during the course of the school day.

In this newsletter, you should find key information about the curriculum your children will be covering throughout the term.

If you would like to further support your child, then please look at the school website where there are recommended websites.

**Areas of Study:**

- Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000.
- Round any whole number to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000, 20 and 50.
- Round decimal numbers to three decimal places.
- Use negative numbers in context, and calculate intervals across zero.
- Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by one and two digit numbers.
- Divide numbers up to 4 digits by one and two digit numbers.

Below we have listed some ways in which you can further support your child's learning journey over this half term:

- It is crucial that children have immediate recall of all of their multiplication and division facts up to the 12x table. This really makes many of the concepts taught throughout Year 6 easier to understand. Regular short sessions will help children learn their tables. This can be done in many ways, such as: chanting them, quick fire questions, discussing possible shortcuts, using games or apps on a computer or Ipad, such as Times Table Rockstars.
- Rehearse formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to keep these fresh in their minds.
- You can practise Maths skills with your child through everyday tasks
 - Weighing ingredients
 - Calculating shopping totals, change and percentage discounts
 - Looking at the weight of objects in shops and converting units
 - Measuring lengths

Maths homework is set every Monday and is due in the following week (except for Osmington Bay and Activity Week).



English

Rooftoppers, by Katherine Rundell

During English lessons, we will be reading and discussing the book Rooftoppers, by Katherine Rundell. In particular, we will be studying the characterisation in the novel and discussing the character traits that the main characters show through their speech, their actions and Rundell's description.

Also, we will be identifying different sentence types and thinking about their impact on the reader, revising the grammar from year 5 and learning about the use of semi-colons. The children will write a letter in role as one of the characters and continue the story from a given point in the style of Katherine Rundell.

What can you do at home to help?

Spelling

- Your child will bring home a weekly spelling homework, based on the group they have been working with in school, with a range of words which they will be expected to learn. We will practise this in school each morning too.

Reading

- Continue to share the reading and library books your child brings home from school.
- Your child will need to read independently for a sustained period (15 mins) at least five times a week.
- Support your child in completing 5 reads on Reading Plus each week if they have not completed this in school.
- It is also really helpful, time allowing, to read aloud to your child each week.

Year 6 Must Reads

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
 A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E. by Malorie Blackman
 Sky Hawk by Gill Lewis by BB Alston
 Amari and the Night Brothers by John Boyne
 Malamander by Thomas Taylor
 The Boy at the Back of the Class, by Onjali Rauf
 Survivors by David Long
 Who Let the Gods Out? by Maz Evans
 The Colour of Hope - Ross MacKenzie
 Can you see me? by Libby Scott

The Americas



Geography

The Americas topic is a geography led topic. This is topic for Year 6 has been designed to further enhance their locational and geographical knowledge of two remarkable continents. The topic will broaden children's locational knowledge of these places but also their understanding of the physical and human geography of these diverse continents. Working like geographers, they will use variety of maps, keys, online resources and images to learn about North and South America.

A few of the other topic areas we will cover:

PSHE: During this half term, the children will build on previous year's learning about rights and responsibilities and explore the idea of rule, law and democracy.

R.E: The children will develop the concept of symbolism through exploring how candles have different symbolic meanings for different beliefs within a unit about Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of light.

Computing: Children will be discussing group chats and how peer pressure can occur within them; alongside this, they will be reminded about bystanders and how they can be present within group chats. Importantly, they will be exploring identity and self-image and what this looks like within the online world. They will also explore fake news, learn how to question the reliability and validating of online information all whilst being made aware of scams they may come across online.

Science: The children will be building on their knowledge from year 4 and year 5 where they explored how animals and plants have adapted to survive on earth. They will explore Darwin's and others work on evolution, natural selection and inheritance. They will work like scientists by drawing conclusions and questioning what evidence there is to support the ideas of evolution and natural selection.



Our Learning Behaviour this half term is Independence

Independence is a key skill for your child to develop in order to engage in productive learning. We will be promoting and reinforcing this learning behaviour throughout the half term and regularly recognising the effort your child puts into this important learning behaviour. Any chance to practice or discuss this learning behaviour would be a great support.

PE Kit days



Pupils are expected to have school PE kit in school every day however PE days are as follows:

6H	Wednesday
6S	Wednesday
6SG	Wednesday

Homework

- Mathematics and spelling homework are set on a Monday and handed in the following Monday.
- Topic homework will consist of a half term mini project with set deadlines.