



Aboyne Lodge School
Etna Road, St Albans. AL3 5NL.
(01727) 766117
Year 6 Spring Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break. I am pleased to be returning to Year 6 this term and I am looking forward to working with your children on a range of exciting topics. As we enter the Spring term, here are the topics that we will be looking at.

Literacy:

Our first topic will be to make a study of the range of different genres we have in fiction books: we will be thinking about our personal preferences and writing in the style of different narrative types. We will then go on to other literacy units, including 'Recounts' and 'Reports'.

It is important that the children are regularly editing their literacy work and we ask for this to be done in purple pen. **Please could we kindly ask that you ensure that your child has their own purple writing pen to bring to school as soon as possible.** It would be very much appreciated if these pens could also be labelled.

Maths:

The maths topics for this term are as follows:

Properties of shape including area

Short and long division methods

Order of operations

Algebra

These topics will build on the children's previous learning and will focus on providing them with a range of opportunities in which they can apply their skills and use reasoning. In the latter part of this term, we will be focussing on revision in preparation for the summer term assessments.

Science:

This half term's project is 'Electricity.' In this topic, we will be focussing on designing, making and drawing electric circuits. We will also be looking at how electricity is produced.

After half term, we will be beginning our project on 'Light'. This unit brings together and consolidates the work that the children have done before. They have already identified different sources of light and know that light travels in straight lines. They will be investigating shadows, reflection and refraction.

Computing:

We will be focussing on information models and working with excel spreadsheets. The children will be exploring how to carry out calculations using this programme and present data in different ways.

Geography/History:

This will be a term-long topic, studying the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. Areas of learning will include the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb, mummification, hieroglyphics and the life of the ancient Egyptian people, as discovered through the study of artefacts.

D&T/Art:

In Art we will be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy, who uses the natural environment to create interesting images. Our D&T work will be closely linked to the history topic and the children will be making canopic jars and pop-up/moving books related to their learning. After half term, we will begin our Egyptian canopic jars. **Please could you save any large empty pringles tubes, with their lids, and send them to school by half term.**

Religious Education:

We will be continuing with a new programme of study for Religious Education. This term, we will be discussing the question 'Who's world is it?' The children will be asked to make connections and reflect on religious and world views and look at how key celebrations are marked by different communities.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education):

This term, the children will be encouraged to set their own goals and explore what makes them unique individuals. We will continue to build on developing a growth mindset when learning and more become aware of our strengths and areas for development.

PE (Physical Education):

Y6 PE will continue to be on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school at all times (as the PE timetable can change at short notice). All parts of the kit should have their names written in and tracksuit trousers and jumpers will be useful for outdoor lessons as the weather remains cold. We will begin this term with dance and progress to striking and fielding games.

Homework:

Please note that due to staff changes, there have been some changes to our homework timetable. I have explained the timetable to the children already. If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Spellings will be handed out on Monday and are to be returned on Friday.

Maths will continue to be given on Wednesday and is to be handed in on Monday.

Literacy homework will be handed out on Friday and is to be returned on Wednesday.

Please could I remind the children that maths homework should be completed in pencil, while literacy and spellings should be written in black pen. The children are encouraged to see us before the date that the homework is due in if they have any questions or concerns.

Dates and Information:

Please note that this term, Miss Lockwood will continue to take the class on Wednesday afternoon. We also welcome Mrs McNaught who joined the Year 6 team as our teaching assistant at the end of last term.

Please watch out for dates and information via parent mail for this term.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you as well as seeing some familiar faces! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards,

Rebecca Jones and Katie Etheridge

Year 6 teachers