Cheetwood Community Primary School

Year 6: Curriculum News – Spring Term 1 2023

Class Teacher: Mrs Lawson
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English
Areas of Study:
Writing: inspired by **Shackleton's Journey** by William Gill: Autobiographical recount, non-fiction, poetry, grammar and punctuation, spellings and speaking and listening.
Reading: We are reading **'Goodnight Mr. Tom' by Michelle Magorian** in Whole Class Reading and **'Wonder'** by RJ Palacio, at the end of each day.

How you can support your child:

- Encourage your child to read a range of texts such as books, newspapers, poetry, leaflets, comics and signs/notices in the environment.
- Listen to your child read each evening and talk about what is happening in the story.
- Encourage your child to do independent writing such as story writing, poetry writing
- Test your child on their half termly spellings, every day.
- Complete the homework diary and please sign the reading record **every time** you hear them read.
- Model enjoying reading and writing: you are their greatest role model!
- Encourage your child to practise cursive handwriting.

Maths
Areas of Study: Number –

- **Decimals**: up to three decimal places, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division of decimal numbers and problem solving involving decimal numbers.
- **Percentages**: understanding percentages, fractions to percentages, equivalent FDP, order FDP, percentages of amounts and missing values.
- **Algebra**: finding a rule, forming expressions, substitution, formulae, forming equations, one and two-step problems, finding pairs of values, enumerating possibilities.
- **Measurement**: Converting Units: metric measures, converting metric measures, calculating with metric measures, miles and kilometres, imperial measures

How you can support your child:

- Practise mental maths skills at home regularly, particularly times tables and division facts; please see below for suggested websites.
- Go through homework together
- Complete homework diary
- Practise converting miles to km and vice versa.
- Practise any of the above maths units, verbally, online or written down.

Science
Areas of Study: Seeing Light

- Understanding and revising how shadows are formed.
- To investigate how we can change shadows.
- To understand how our eyes allow us to see and how we see objects.
- To investigate reflection
- To learn about refraction
- To investigate the colours in white light.

History: [continued from Autumn 2]
Area of Study: Crime and Punishment in Britain from Roman times to the present day

- Early Modern Crime and Punishment
- Victorian Crime and Punishment
- Crime and Punishment in the present

Geography: [Spring 1 unit]
Areas of Study: Our Local Area

- Where is Manchester in Europe, Britain, England?
- Physical Geographical features of Manchester and its surrounding landscapes
- Human Geographical features of Manchester.
- What has put Manchester 'On the Map'?
- A local walk to see sights of interest

PE
Pupils will be doing PE on the following day:
Athletics and Outdoor Games – Thursday

Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day or if you wish you can leave their PE kit in school all week and take it home to be washed at the weekend. As pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery for PE, it helps if earrings and other jewellery are not worn to school on the day we do PE.

Useful websites:

Topmarks: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help : this is a really useful, free site which your child can use independently, to practise tables, number bonds and other number facts.

https://uk.ixl.com/ - this is a really useful site for extra practice, which we don't routinely get time for in school. There is no obligation to use it as they do charge a subscription, but the benefits are that it has an organised layout of objectives, it is thorough and user-friendly, it gives rewards and shows how to correct mistakes in detail.

www.bbc.co.uk
The BBC site has a schools area with lots of games and learning resources for English and maths
www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk – activities, homework and revision, past SATs papers
http://www.mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/key-stage-2-english-maths-science-2016-tests.htm

We also have links on our own website and will be developing these throughout the year.

If you need to speak to me, please make an appointment, through the office. Alternatively, you can email me at: c.lawson@cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk