

Cheetwood Community Primary School
Year 6: Curriculum News – Spring Term 2 2024
Class Teacher: Miss Jamil
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Beaumont & Miss Rogerson

In Y6 this half term your child will be learning the following:

English

Areas of Study: Reading, reading comprehension, whole class reading, writing – using ‘Suffragette: the battle for equality’ as our stimulus, grammar and punctuation, Y6 spellings and speaking and listening

Class Read – Macbeth by Shakespeare, The Boy in the Tower & The Arrival

How you can support your child:

- Practise the SATS style questions in the CGP books, daily, remembering to take regular breaks.
- Encourage your child to read a range of texts such as newspapers, leaflets, stories and to record their reading/thoughts in their reading records.
- Talk to your child about their reading book and complete book activities such as book reviews and character descriptions
- Encourage your child to do independent writing such as story writing, recounts and descriptions
- Test your child on their half termly spellings
- Encourage and practice neat, legible and cursive handwriting.

Maths

Areas of Study: Ratio & proportion, algebra, fractions/decimals/percentages, area/perimeter/volume and statistics

How you can support your child:

- Practise the SATS style questions in the CGP books, daily, remembering to take regular breaks.
- Practise mental maths skills at home regularly, particularly times tables and division facts
- Place value practice – multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000 and beyond.
- Practise any areas your child is struggling with
- Go through homework
- Practice arithmetic daily
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Science – Changing Circuits

- To recap existing knowledge on electricity, its components and safety.
- To recap what electricity is and investigate static electricity
- To recognise symbols for motors/bulbs and how the speed/brightness can be changed.
- To be able to plan, carry out and evaluate an experiment to see how changing the wire in a circuit affects the brightness of a bulb
- To create a simple device using a circuit.

How you can support your child:

- Research the above areas of study with your child

History – The Shang Dynasty

- To find out about the Shang Dynasty of China and explore how we know about it
- To explore the evidence surrounding the Shang kings.
- To find out about Shang royal burials.
- To find out what ordinary life was like for people during the Shang Dynasty.
- To find out about the writing and calendar created during the Shang Dynasty.
- To find out why the Shang Dynasty ended.

Art

Drawing – Make My Voice Heard

- To explore expressive drawing techniques.
- To consider how symbolism in art can convey meaning.
- To apply understanding of the drawing technique chiaroscuro.
- To apply an understanding of impact and effect to create a powerful image.

PSHE

Relationships Education

As part of our P.S.H.E curriculum, this half term your child will be taught about 'Relationships' covering:

- Different Relationships
- Unwanted touch
- What is FGM?
- What is puberty?

Parents are not able to withdraw their child from 'Relationships Education'.

The sessions in school may reinforce what you are already speaking to your child about at home and the key words below may assist you with these conversations.

For some of the more sensitive topics in Relationships Education, boys and girls will be taught separately.

Key Vocabulary

Truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, pressure, Marriage, civil partnerships, forced/arranged, Consent, Mental health, consent, committed relationship, responsibility. Transition, independence. Legal, illegal, choice, Female genital mutilation (FGM), menstruation time, vagina, penis, testicles, breasts, vulva

Plus, revisiting the Key Vocabulary from the previous year.

PE

Pupils will be doing PE on the following day: **THURSDAY & FRIDAY**

Please send your child in full PE kit on this day. They do not need to wear school uniform

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.

Homework

Homework will be given out 3x during the week, this could be research based, paper copies or written.

In addition, each week your child will be given:

- A piece of reading homework given out on Friday
- Half termly spellings to be learnt for weekly tests.

Useful Y6 revision websites

www.uk.ixl.com

www.bbc.co.uk/education.

www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths.

www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm.

www.resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/revision

www.online-maths-tutor.com.

www.sats.highamstjohns.com.

www.emaths.co.uk/index.php/student-resources/past-papers/key-stage-2-ks2-sat-past-papers.

www.mad4maths.com

www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html

www.keystage2literacy.co.uk/spellings-menu.html

www.spellzone.com/games/index.cfm?wordlist=2255

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

Please ensure your child reads at home at least three times each week and you sign their reading record on each occasion. Could you also ensure your child brings in their book bag, homework diary, reading book and reading record every day as well as any homework set.

You can contact me through the homework diary as well as on the following email address:

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