

Healey Foundation Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2020

Year 6



Literacy:

Year 6 will begin the term studying the novel, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. They will be looking at informal and formal writing, which will then lead to them writing an informal diary entry and a formal letter of complaint. After the half term, our Literacy writing will be based on the Titanic. We will be writing a newspaper report recounting the sinking and a short story.

Year 6 will also be developing their understanding of grammar, spelling and reading comprehension in regular teaching sessions. It is essential that they practise the spellings set each week and that they are completing every piece of homework. Your child needs to be reading every evening and recording it in their school diary. Diaries will be checked regularly to ensure children are reading daily.

Maths:

Year 6 will begin the term looking at place value of numbers and how to read and write big numbers. They will understand comparing, ordering and rounding numbers and will also be able to recognise positive and negative numbers and when these might be used. Year 6 will then be working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

After the half term, Year 6 will learn how to simplify, compare, order and find equivalent fractions as well as learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide them. If you have internet at home please encourage your child to visit the Mathletics website. School has subscribed to the website in order to assist Year 6 with their preparations for SATs. Every pupil has a username and a password. It would be useful for the children to use Mathletics as a tool for recapping or revision.

Science:

For the first half term, we will be looking at 'Light' and recognising that light appears to travel in straight lines and use this idea to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. After the half term, we will be studying 'Electricity' in which we will compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.

History/Geography:

The children will begin the term studying the environmental regions of Scandinavia, including key physical and human characteristics with Mrs Robinson.

After the half term, in History, Year 6 will be looking at Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century and study in depth about the rise in popularity of cinema. They will learn about how and why football became the nation's favourite sport, the social and cultural importance of the 'Swinging Sixties', why British holiday camps emerged and how television has impacted modern life.

Art/DT:

In Art, the children will be creating their own Titanic pieces using a range of different media. After the half term, Year 6 will be given the chance to apply their knowledge about electric circuits in a purposeful way by designing and making a battery-operated light which will be controlled by a home-made switch.

Computing:

Year 6 will be taking a more in depth look at a variety of online safety issues. They will be introduced to the idea of the internet, as a type of media, and how it can shape our ideas about boys and girls through stereotypes. They will be given ways to deal with online content that they find worrying.

Remember:

Homework:

P.E & Games:

READING and MATHLETICS — ON GOING

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Mon - Spellings (for Friday)

Tue - Maths (for Friday)

Fri - Comprehension (For Monday)