



YEAR GROUP 6 AUTUMN TERM 2020 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful summer break. We look forward to a busy but exciting Autumn Term. Here is what we will be covering this term:

Maths	During the term the children will be working on place value, mental calculation strategies, fractions, decimals, percentages, multiplication and division, shape, area and investigating factors, multiples and prime numbers. A great emphasis is placed on the children solving problems and using mathematical reasoning.
English	Throughout this term the children will be looking at a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts. In their writing, they will be encouraged to use a vast array of punctuation and apply spelling and grammar rules. Children will take place in daily whole class guided reading sessions where they will discuss new vocabulary and be assessed in their comprehension and understanding. The children will have weekly spelling tests – it is important that you help your child learn their spellings every week.
Geography	In Geography the children will be exploring maps, learning the importance of lines of longitude and latitude, time zones and climatic zones.
History	The children will be learning the history of Bagdad AD 900 and contrasting it to British history.
Science	In Science the children will learn about the classification of plants and animals. They will also be learning about the human body, including the structure of the heart and lungs and learn about the double circulation of blood through the lungs and the rest of the body.
Art	In Art the children are learning about Renaissance art. They will learn to draw with perspective.
DT	In DT the children will be learning about Islamic Art and Architecture – this includes Islamic calligraphy and geometric patterns.
RE	The children will be learning about Christian and Buddhist beliefs. They will also be learning about the celebrations around Christmas.
Computing	Children will be using a variety of software programmes. They will be learning how to plan a mobile app and develop project management skills.
PE	In the first half term the children will be taking part in a variety of invasion games. In the second half term we will be doing gymnastics.

PE- Year 6 are timetabled to do PE on a Monday. They should come to school wearing their PE kits. This should be plain black tracksuit bottoms (shorts in the Summer), a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. They will also need their Parkside School jumper.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earring should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- It is important that children bring a bottle of water each day. Please make sure the bottle has your child's name on it.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. Children will be set weekly spellings and times tables to learn and will be tested on a Friday. A choice of spelling activities will be in their homework books. Children can earn points for completing activities. Their spelling results will be stuck into the front of their reading journals so you can track their progress. A choice of homework will be set half termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please feel free to email us.

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Kind Regards,

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