

Year 6 Update – Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome back to school and to the spring term. We hope you had a restful Christmas break and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous gifts and good wishes. We genuinely appreciate your kindness and goodwill.

The spring term will see the children do lots of class work as they head towards the Easter holidays at the end of March. We hope, throughout this time, you will find continue to find the weekly updates an important guide in following the work your child is doing in Year 6.

Religious Education

This week we started our new topic 'Sources' and discussed the importance of the Bible as a source of information that Christianity is based on. We discussed that it is split into the Old and New Testament and how the information in them differs. We also had a very interesting debate about whether the Bible can be regarded as a primary or secondary source of information.

Mark 10 Mission



English

This week the children wrote their own entry for the Spiderwick Field Guide using the ideas they had gathered during home learning last week. They have come up with some very imaginative creatures with a wide variety of different characteristics.

Mathematics

We looked at BIDMAS this week and the correct order for solving a sum such as: $(5 \times 3) + 12 \div 6$.

See if your child can explain the correct way to solve this sum using BIDMAS.

Vocabulary:

brackets, indices, division, multiplication, addition, subtraction,

Pre-learning

Next week in maths we will be learning how to find percentages of amounts. This will involve the children thinking back to our learning where we were dividing by 10 and 100.

Science

In Lisbon we started our new topic on electricity and looked at electrical circuits; the children investigated different complex circuits including parallel circuits where they used a switch to turn off one bulb while another stayed lit.

In Padua we started our new topic on Light and Shadow and looked at different sources of light and how we need light in order to be able to see things.

Vocabulary:

Lisbon: cell, bulb, complete, incomplete, voltage

Padua: Reflect, ray, straight line, light source

Pre-Learning

Next week in Lisbon we will be looking at electrical resistance in circuits.

Next week in Padua we will be continuing with our topic '*Light and Shadows*' The children will be learning how light is reflected and we will be planning how to make our own periscopes.

Humanities

In Geography we have started a new topic about climate change. This week the children have been learning about rainfall along The Gambia River and how it has changed due to climate change. We have been thinking about how this has changed the lives of the people that live there.

eSafety

We would like to take this week's update to ask you to have a chat with your child to remind them that all of their personal information, including mobile numbers are kept private. We know that some of the children have mobile phones and are able to talk to each other when they are at home, please can you remind the children that they should not be giving out anyone else's number.

Please can we also remind the children that if they are setting up groups where they can talk to each other, please only add people to the groups who would like to be in them. If they choose to leave the group then this decision must be respected.

We know that the children enjoy talking to each other outside of school but we just want them to remember the importance of reflecting their everyday conduct with their online conduct.

We would just like to make you aware of the age rating of the following social media/messaging platforms:

WhatsApp- 16+

Snapchat- 13+

DisCord- 13+

Instagram- 13+

TikTok- 13+

Five Ways to Wellbeing

We will have gone through the Wellbeing Challenge with your child. It is outlined below. Mental wellbeing is vital to all aspects of our life, contributing towards good physical health and effective learning.

CONNECT

Make some 'compliment slips' for everyone in your family or your class or both! Using a small slip of paper, write something positive about that person which will make them happy.



Other Information

- Year 6 Lisbon are going swimming every Monday during the Spring Term and just a reminder that the children can come to school in their grey PE jogging bottoms.
- Year 6 Padua will be taking part in Gaelic Football sessions on a Friday morning. As it is very cold at the moment the children are able to wear their grey PE jogging bottoms for these sessions. They are also able to wear an extra layer under their PE top if they want to.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 team 😊