



Autumn 2 Newsletter November 2022

YEAR 6 (Tigers)



Dear Parents/Carers,

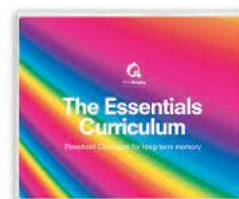
Welcome back! I hope you and your children all managed to have an enjoyable break. Remember, if you have any questions or concerns regarding year 6, then please do get in contact via ClassDojo.

Last term the children all worked hard, producing some excellent work in the process. The children all need to continue with this hard-working attitude in order to continue making progress in year 6.

Mr Woodcock and Mrs Goodger



Term 2 Learning



Our curriculum is underpinned by the Essentials Curriculum by Chris Quigley, which provides us with a coherent, progressive and appropriately sequenced curricular structure to enable the children to develop subject specific knowledge and skills to prepare them well for the next stages of their education. To augment this, we also use specific schemes such as White Rose Maths and Jigsaw (PSHE).

This term the children's learning will be as follows:

English - writing	This term we our writing will be driven from the poem "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes. We will be writing poems about the characters, character descriptions and a short narrative.
English - reading	We are continuing with our daily whole class teaching of reading and comprehension sessions, with a focus on inference, prediction and understanding vocabulary within context. The children will continue to choose books from within their ZPD points range and quiz on these.
Maths	This term we are having a real focus on fractions – adding and subtracting, simplifying, comparing and ordering, multiplying fractions by integers and dividing fractions by integers.
RE	Our topic this term is Gospel. Our big question this term is 'What would Jesus do?'. This topic explores how Christians live their lives, following the teachings of Jesus. We will also be looking at Vesak, the Buddha Darma festival, as part of Interfaith week.
History	After studying the Maya, the children will develop their knowledge of world history, chronology and interpreting the past through the topic of 'Aztecs'. We will be comparing their settlements to British settlements during the same time period.
Geography	Investigating patterns and places is undertaken through the topic of 'North America' where we look at population density and growth as well as the physical features of North America that have shaped these.
Science	We have a focus on Physics, learning to understand movement, forces and magnets.

Art/DT	We will be looking at Surrealist art, focusing on Paul Klee, Max Ernst and Salvador Dali. The children will create a painting using the surrealist style.
PE	Our topic this term is Basketball, where we will be working on improving coordination and decision-making.
PSHE	Our overarching topic this term is Celebrating Differences. This includes looking at including others when playing, knowing how to recognise someone is being bullied and celebrating our differences. The aim is to enjoy and respect other cultures. We also have Anti-Bullying Week this term.
Music	We will be playing Glockenspiels and performing music.

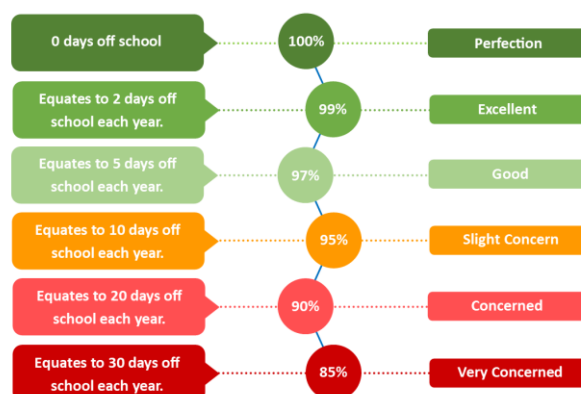
Additional information

Attendance Reminder

Your child's attendance at school is of the utmost importance; it directly impacts on pupil wellbeing and achievement. Pupil attendance is closely monitored, and we expect pupils to attend the entirety of their school offering during term time.

The national expectation for pupil attendance is 96% and above. If your child's attendance drops below this, support systems will be put in place to help increase attendance.

Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please also ensure your child is at school on time and by 8.50am. Please read our Attendance Policy, which outlines our procedures related to pupil absence.



School Values and STAR awards

Over the past academic year, we have reviewed our school values to ensure they reflect our aspirations for all the children at Shorne. Our new Christian values are: **Resilience, Community and Respect**. This term, children who have demonstrated these values will be celebrated in our first ever STAR awards assembly!

Home Learning

This term the children will be set home learning twice a week. This will be in addition to reading at home and spellings. This home learning will be set via Google Classroom – if you need your child's login details please ask. On a Thursday the children will be set English home learning – this will consist of a SPAG task and a comprehension task. This will be due in by the following Tuesday.

On a Friday the children will be set Maths home learning – this will consist of a reasoning task and an arithmetic task. This will be due in on the following Wednesday.

If you are unable to access Google Classroom at home then I can provide printed copies for your child to complete.

P.E kits

A reminder that the children are to wear their P.E kits to school on a Thursday for our P.E lesson. The children will also need a kit in school for a Friday to get changed into for our second session of the week. I understand this is not ideal; however, we would like the children in uniform for our Friday celebration assembly for photo opportunities. Thank you for being so adaptable to this arrangement.

Reading

Reading continues to be a real focus for us at Shorne School. The children will be continuing to select books from their point range and quizzing on these. Although the children read in school daily, it is important that the children do read at home as well. We are targeting a minimum of 25 minutes engaged reading time per day; this is only possible with your support. The number of quizzes that the children are taking is closely monitored and we would like to support those children who are not accessing these.

Some of your children are being trained to become “Reading Buddies” to younger children. They will be supporting children from KS1 with their reading – as well as sharing their love of reading too!

The children will also be partaking in a sponsored reading event during the week 7th November – 14th November. Please encourage your children to read and collect sponsorship money for doing so! More details will be sent out via Arbor.

How to continue your child's learning at home

Reading: Hear your child read and also read to them as frequently as possible. Reading to your child allows them to experience more complex plots and vocabulary than they can read themselves. In Year 6 the children are encouraged to select books more independently, ensuring they challenge themselves appropriately.

Spelling: Continue to encourage your children to log onto spelling shed – some of the children have earned millions of points! The children will continue to be set spellings that we will use in class to focus on and play competitive games against each other. Rewards for high point scores are going to be awarded this term too.

Home learning: With home learning beginning this term, please do help your children if they ask for it. Whilst I would encourage year 6 children to be independent, they may need your help for further explanation. Answers will be sent out with the home learning so that you can see how to help your children.

SATs practice materials: Whilst most of the home learning tasks will be great practice for the SATs, there are also many free, online, resources available. All of the previous years SATs papers are available online if you wish to practice these with your children.

Key dates/information

Monday 14th November – Anti-bullying week and Interfaith week. Odd socks day.

Friday 25th November – non-uniform day for Christmas donations.

Monday 28th November & Thursday 1st December – Parent consultations (more information to follow).

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm

Wednesday 7th December – KS2 Panto (at school).

Thursday 8th December – FOSS disco (after school).

Friday 9th December – Christmas jumper day.

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 party (in school time, party outfit needed).

Tuesday 13th December – Church Service (this is not confirmed yet due to the damage at the church).

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner day and Elf Day.

Friday 16th December – End of term (1.30pm finish).

