

'Being Better Every Day'

Thursday 22nd May 2025

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 6

We are excited to share our sixth (and final) Curriculum Newsletter of the school year! The children have been great this past term, learning about the history of Smuggling and of course getting through SATs! In our final term, we will be learning about trade across the world.

In **Term 6**, our unit title will continue to be 'It's a Smugglers life For Me'. There is a big focus on **Geography** in this unit.

In our Geography lessons this term we will locate countries on maps (including coordinates) and study how the physical and human geography of them has changed over time. We will look at how human behaviour has affected different countries and begin to understand the trade routes that have been established between them over the centuries. In addition, we will look at how natural resources have shaped the development of countries.

During this unit, your child will answer the concept question:

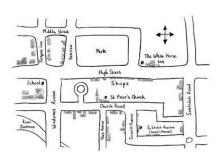
'Geographically speaking, why do we trade across the sea?'

(We have attached a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this unit, providing an overview of the topic; this should be a useful resource for pupils and parents.)

Home Learning Project

For each unit, we will ask your child to complete a home-learning project. We ask that every child has a go at completing a project that can be brought into school. For this unit we have listed possible ideas below:

- Create a trade route map.
- Build a model of a tea clipper.
- Map your local area and plot routes to places you regularly visit.
- Design a poster/advertising/logo for a trade company (e.g. East India).
- Write a script of a negotiation between traders in the 18th century.
- Alternatively, your child may want to do something completely different! Your child may wish to complete their project by themselves or need your support in completing their project either is fine and we look forwarding to see them.







We have also included a list of websites you could explore at home to help your child with their learning:

Useful Websites:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4/articles/zk4rmfr

https://school-learningzone.co.uk/key_stage_two/ks2_geography/trade/trade.html

https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/trade/353871

Home learning projects should be completed by the **week beginning 7**th **July 2024.** If you have any questions about the home learning project, please contact your child's class teacher.

Reading

The children have been really enjoying our 'Destination Reader' work in class that we have just re-started after SATs. Please continue to encourage daily reading using home reading records that must be brought in and will be signed once a week.

Reading is the single most important skill that children will learn, and we expect every child to read at home every day. In Year 6, we expect every child to read with an adult for a minimum of 20 minutes every day. Reading takes on many forms and can take place just about anywhere, including the reading of labels and signs, and in magazines and comics. Parents and carers should record the daily reading activity in your child's reading record.

Homework

Additionally, we would like the children to be practising their times tables every day for at least 20 minutes. They all have an individual account for **Times Table Rock Stars**, which they are expected to use for this. The aim is for the children to be confident with their times tables.

In addition, class teachers will set a 'homework menu' each term. This will contain a range of activities and subjects which children and families may choose to complete. The tasks and activities on this menu are **optional.**

PΕ

This term, our PE lessons will continue to take place on **Friday** afternoons. Your child should continue to wear their PE kit to school on this day. Please ensure your child is wearing the **correct PE kit** on this day, including: a yellow top, a black pair of shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. They must not wear football kits or shin pads for their PE lessons.

We hope your child will enjoy their final term in Year 6.

Year 6 teachers

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