

Emmbrook Junior School



Curriculum Bulletin Year 6

Spring Term 2017

Year Group News

Firstly, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday.

During the spring term, we will be starting our new topic: World War 2. We will be discussing and reflecting on how the events during this time have shaped the world we live in today. Our focus therefore will be on the use of historical skills as we learn about life during the war. We will be using the geographical knowledge on continents and countries that we developed during the autumn term to identify where these events occurred and which countries were involved. In art, we will explore the use of propaganda and then use our creativity to design propoganda posters of our own. The topic is a very engaging and thought provoking one and we look forward to learning about it.

This term, we will start to think about SATs and this is likely to be mentioned more in a classroom setting. As we want the children to be fully prepared for what they are going to face, we will be holding a SATs evening at the school on 23rd January. The children will also take part in mock SATs this term where the environment and implementation of the tests will be exactly as in the week commencing 8th May.

As you know, this is a very important year for your child. They have an important role to play in setting an example to the rest of the school and in preparing for Secondary School. A hugely important factor in your child's success will be the support you provide at home. Outlined in this bulletin are the homework requirements for year 6. Please support and encourage your child to complete all tasks to the best of their ability, and by their deadlines.

We always welcome the involvement of the whole school community. If you have an interest or expertise, or even some exciting artefacts linked to our topics to share, please speak with your child's teacher.

Mr Thomas, Miss Ramsey and the Year 6 team

Curriculum Information

This is the work we will cover in each curriculum area this term.

We hope that this information will enable you to give support to your child. You could use the information in a variety of ways:

- As a basis for discussion about school and work.
- To borrow from the library/or buy appropriate books.
- To look out for suitable television or radio programmes and videos.
- To look out for suitable newspaper and magazine articles.
- To help your child find suitable information in encyclopedias and from the internet.

First Half Term World War 2



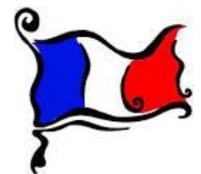
Maths

Algebra
Fractions and
decimals
Measures



English

Letter
writing
Narrative



Science

Evolution and
inheritance



French

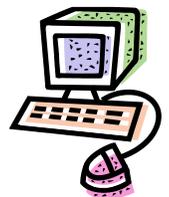
Writing a verse
of a song

History

World War 2 - Battle
of Britain

PE

Gymnastics
Basketball
Hockey



Geography

Physical
geography.
Time zones,
longitude and
latitude, tropics,
weather



PSHE

Living in a
wider world

Computing

Animation
stories
Coding



Music

World unite

Second Half Term

World War 2



English

Narrative
Poetry
Persuasive
writing



Maths

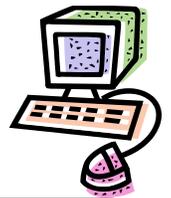
Percentages
Ratio
Geometry

PE

Gymnastics
Hockey
Golf

Science

Light



Computing

Programming/
coding



French

Writing a
verse of a song

PSHE

Health and
wellbeing

Geography

Reading maps



Art

Propaganda
posters



Music

World unite

Reminders

SPELLINGS



- The school uses the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. scheme. Spelling sessions take place on four days a week for 30 minutes in the afternoons. All children will bring home spellings on a weekly basis unless the school has informed parents otherwise. Year 6 will bring spellings home on a **Friday**. If you have any problems regarding spellings, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

READING



- It is really important that children read at home to an adult at least five times a week to ensure they make good progress and earn their Reading Reward time. Each child will have 2 books that they will bring home each day in their reading folder. One book will be from the Emmbrook Scheme (colours, independent reader or general fiction) and one will be from the KS2 Oxford Reading Tree Scheme. Children will have the opportunity to change their Emmbrook Scheme book on a daily basis. The Oxford Reading Tree Scheme books for Year 6 will be changed on:

Tuesday and Thursday

Please sign your child's Reading Record to show that they have read to an adult. Books will only be changed if 'finished' is written by the last entry for the book.

KNOWING NUMBER FACTS



- This term, we will be continuing with the weekly 'Knowing Number Facts' tests. Children are given a set of number facts to learn each week and their attainment is recorded on a class chart. Please support the children in learning these at home. New facts will be issued for testing the following week.

HOME LEARNING



- Children will be set a MyMaths task and reading comprehension activity each **Thursday** for homework. Please sign your child's homework feedback sheet in the front of their homework book and comments are welcomed. Later in the term, the children will also be receiving their Topic Grid.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND TEACHERS

There are a number of ways in which you can communicate with your child's teacher. These include:

- Face to face meeting on the playground at the end of the school day.
- Appointment made by contacting the school office.
- Comment in reading record
- Comment in homework planner (year 6)
- Comment on parent feedback sheet in homework book
- Emailing the teacher (teacher's email addresses are available on the school website)

Please note, urgent information must always be telephoned to the school office.

LIBRARY BOOKS (Non-Fiction)



- Children are allowed to select their own book although advice is given if a book seems unsuitable. Please encourage your child to look after their library book. There will be a charge if the book is lost.

PENCIL CASES



- In each classroom, essential stationery is provided for the use of pupils. We therefore ask that pencil cases brought in from home are small enough to fit into your child's tray for easy storage and that they contain only a spare pencil, handwriting pen, rubber and sharpener.

WATER BOTTLES



- Children are expected to bring a small, named bottle of water into school. However, we must stress this can be water only and any bottles must be taken home daily for reasons of hygiene. Please bring in the filled bottle each morning.

P.E. KIT



- Fully labelled kit must be brought into school in a suitably named bag on a Monday. It will then be left in school all week and taken home on a Friday for washing. Year 6 PE slots are on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. Children should have their kit in school every day as there may be additional PE slots during the week.

Dates for Your Diary Spring Term

January

- w/c 9th - Clubs Start
- 19th - Caterlink Tasting Session for Parents 3:00pm
- 20th - Year 5 Joint Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 23rd - Meet the Teacher 4 Maple/Year 6 SATs Evening
- 27th - 6 Beech Sharing Assembly 9:00am

February

- 3rd - 3 Ash Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 10th - Grandparents Day (morning)
- 10th - PTA Junior Disco
- w/c 13th - HALF TERM
- 24th - 6 Fir Sharing Assembly

March

- 2nd - World Book Day – child to dress as a book character
- 3rd - 4 Pine Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 10th - 3 Larch Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 16th - Year 5 Production: dress rehearsal Years 3, 4 & 6 2:00pm
- 17th - 4 Maple Sharing Assembly 9:00am
- 17th - Year 5 Production: dress rehearsal to Infant School 2:00pm
- 17th - PTA Quiz Night
- 20th - Year 5 Production to Parents 6:00pm
- 21st - Year 5 Production to Parents 6:00pm
- 24th - Red Nose Day
- w/c 27th - Clubs Finish
- 28th - Parents Evening: 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 29th - Parents Evening: 3:30pm – 6:00pm
- 31st - Last Day of Term: school finishes at 2:00pm

April

- 3rd – 17th - Easter Break
- 18th - First Day of Summer Term

