

MRS PORTER

Year 6 Class Newsletter

Spring term one –

Here is an update on the curriculum for Year 6 during this term:

Following our updated curriculum, we will shortly be beginning our new focus question: Did Nikola Tesla change the world?

Our focus questions help us to accumulate knowledge over the course of this academic year to be able to answer our big question: Can one person change the world?

During this focus, we will be focusing on Europe. The children will learn about the seven continents on our planet: Africa, Asia, Antarctica, Europe, North America and South America and Oceania/Australia. They will also learn about the five oceans covering the surface of our globe: The five world oceans are the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Southern Ocean and the Arctic Ocean.

Using maps, the children will be locating the world's countries. The children will then go on to explore the life of Nikola Tesla, who was a brilliant scientist and inventor. His work with electricity led to many advances in communication and technology. We will then look at Tesla's place of birth (Austrian Empire) and which contemporary countries this covered. Additionally, we will look at extending the children's knowledge of Eastern European countries, with a particular focus on Poland. The children will be completing a comparison of Poland to the UK – Tatra mountains and Lake District.

In DT, the children will be focusing on the inventions of Tesla. They will focus on the use of radio and radio control/remote control, with the end result being the production of radio controlled boats.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is Spring term 1 already! This school year is going by so fast. I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break, and let's hope that 2021 will be a better year for us all. Now, that we have returned to school, we are about to embark on another exciting term.

This newsletter will inform you of our curriculum for this term.

Mrs Porter

Assessments

As you might be aware, the children have previously undertaken the 2018 SATS in Autumn term two as a practice, and to allow us to see how they are progressing. Despite school closure due to lockdown, the children performed incredibly well, and we are really proud of them.

Before Christmas, you should have received an update on your child's progress.

As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please arrange an appointment to discuss these concerns with me.

SATs

In Year 6, we are very busy working hard preparing for our SATS tests. These tests will be undertaken the week commencing the 11th May 2020. Our time in class leading up to this date will be important in preparing the children for these assessments. It is therefore important that time absent from school is minimised – any holidays will not be authorised.

Homework Reminder

Homework is important to consolidate the children's learning and also to prepare them for secondary school. We are still noticing that not all children are consistently practising their spellings, completing their homework or reading the expected 4 times a week. As a result, on occasion, they have to miss important time outside.

As a reminder, our homework always follows the same routine each week for ease.

Spellings are issued on a Monday and tested on the following Monday. These are available on the class Padlet or through Microsoft Teams.

Children are expected to read 4 times a week and should also be writing in their reading logs to explain the content of the pages/chapters that have been read. This is checked every Friday,

Finally, due to Covid, we are now setting homework through Microsoft Teams, where the children will be able to view videos to support their learning. Once they have completed the relevant activity work should be emailed to the following address Whaplode.Y6@southincs-hub.co.uk. This homework is set every Friday, and should be returned for the following Friday.

I would appreciate your support and co-operation with this.

P.E

For P.E this term, we will be having a cricket coach delivering our Tuesday sessions.

Additionally, Elite Sports will be delivering our Thursday session, and we will be focusing on gymnastics.

Please ensure that the children come to school dressed appropriately for these sessions.

