

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 6

Leopard and Panther Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the upcoming term in Year 6. The Summer Term is an incredibly busy, exciting and important one for all of the pupils in Year 6.

Class	Year 6 – Leopards/ Panthers
Class Teacher	Mr Dodman and Mrs Hart
Other teachers teaching the class	Miss Beacham (Maths, Reading, groups and cover in Leopards) Mrs Tomson (French) Mr Austin
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Gaunt
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. The activities are set in their homework books and include a range of research, spellings, Mathletics tasks and daily reading. Home learning is due back to school on Tuesdays.
Reading books	Children are given the opportunity to change their reading books every day, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and ensure that your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each day. Also, remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.
PE kits	Our PE days are now Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Please ensure PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.
Planned trips this term	Residential trip to Barton Hall
Theme work this term	Summer Term Stairway to Devon All the world's a stage

Literacy

This term there will be a focus on narrative and journalistic writing as well as an emphasis on the upcoming SATs assessments. There will be an increased focus on comprehension, grammar and punctuation skills, as well as developing our familiarity with important texts including Shakespeare.

Maths

The main focus in maths for the first half term will be on revising key areas of the curriculum so the children feel confident and fully prepared for the SATs tests in mid-May. After SATs maths will continue with a focus on investigation skills as well as preparing the children for the mathematical challenges they can expect to face at secondary school.

RE

Judasim:

Year 6 will be learning about what it means to be Jewish as part of our study of different faiths. Throughout the term, we will be exploring the Christian values of Reverence and Justice through our collective worship.

PE

Children have the opportunity to learn a range of sports over the term. There will be an opportunity for competitive games, athletic skills and dance. Children will also have the opportunity to develop core skills during circuit training. We will also be focusing on field games such as cricket and rounders.

ICT/ Computing

As well as using ICT throughout the curriculum, the children will be using the Learn pads to develop animation skills and coding. We will use computer software to create graphs and charts to show information in an easy to understand way. The children are currently working on a unit on programming and creating a basic App using coding.

Theme Work

Stairway to Devon – A look at the county where we will be going for our residential trip as well as a study of the natural and man-made features of the rest of the British Isles. We will also be looking at the respiratory and circulatory systems in human beings and measuring the effects of exercise on our bodies.

All the World's a Stage - As well as rehearsing our play we will be looking at a number of Shakespeare plays and finding out a little bit about life in Britain at this time.

Music

This term the children will be performing a whole host of songs as part of their play to the rest of the school. It is always a wonderful occasion and one which the children thoroughly enjoy and get a great deal from.

French

The children are continuing with their weekly session of French with Mrs Tomson. They have been revising key vocabulary from the previous year and developing their conversational skills.

PSHE

We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work looking at themes 'Relationships' and 'Changing me'.

If you have any questions about any of the information contained in this letter please feel free to catch one of the Year 6 team and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks again for your continued support.

We look forward to an exciting and busy final term for the children at Ashford CE.

Kind regards,
The Year 6 team.

