

Chagall Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6! I am looking forward to working in partnership with you this year.



Year 6 is a unique and very special year, where life long memories are made, futures decided upon and many traditions are participated in for the last time. For some parents it is the end of an era being part of Newington School. I look forward to working in cooperation with you all to make this year memorable for your child!

In addition to myself, we will have Mrs Weight as our full time Learning Support Assistant and the children will have **Mrs Witherden** for Music and **Mrs Brincat** for French on a Wednesday afternoon. I will be teaching both PE sessions this year and they will be on a Monday and a Friday afternoon. Please keep PE kits in school.

This term our Topic is *Home Sweet Home*. We will be incorporating as many areas of the curriculum as possible into this. Here is a brief outline of this terms learning.

- **English.** Our writing will be based upon our reading of our class novel *Beowulf* written by Michael Morpurgo. We will use our reading to write scripts and historical narratives. In our Grammar lessons will be revisiting nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, articles and adjectives.
- **Maths.** Arithmetic – number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, percentages, all to solve problems. We will also be looking out ratio and proportion, shape, space and direction and measures including length, area and volume.
- **Science.** Animals including humans. We will be investigating the heart and circulatory system. The impact of diet and exercise on the body and heart and how to adopt a healthy lifestyle. We will look at how nutrients and water are transported around the body.

- **RE.** From September 2017 Religious Education (RE) will be following the Kent Agreed Syllabus (KAS) which incorporates the new resource “Understanding Christianity”. Each unit has a key question which is developed over a school term. Key questions are also being developed for other faiths that are part of the KAS. In Terms 1 and 2 our key questions to explore are:
Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? (Christianity)
What would Jesus do?
- **History/Geography.** We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and their settlements. We will be comparing homes in the local area and around the world.
- **Art.** We will be looking at the work of Chagall (our class name) to produce art work with its distinct features. We will also be designing Anglo-Saxon brooches and creating our own colour palette.
- **D&T.** We will be combining our knowledge of electricity circuits and our design skills to create a ‘lit room’. If you have any spare shoe boxes, please bring them in so that we can use them in our lessons – thank you.
- **PE.** Invasion Games – we will begin by focusing on touch Rugby, ball control, attacking and defending. We will also be playing Netball; throwing, catching, defending and attacking.
Please ensure that your child has the correct kit and that it is in school every day. We will be going out in most weathers, so tracksuit will be preferable for the colder months. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings taken out.
- **Computing.** The children will use the laptops within a range of subjects to aid their learning, as well as using computers to develop computer programming skills.
- **Spellings and Times Tables.** We will be having these mini tests every Friday morning, and the scores will be sent home in the Home Contact Book.

Homework will be given out on Monday and I expect it back by Friday. There will be house point rewards for returning completed homework quickly. I will set a SPaG and maths homework each week that will reflect that week’s learning. There will also be spellings and times tables to learn and revise. I do expect the children to read every day and it would be nice for you to hear them read on occasion and ask them questions about their understanding of the story.

I hope that this will be an extremely happy and rewarding year for your child. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the Home Contact Book or come and see me. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Calder