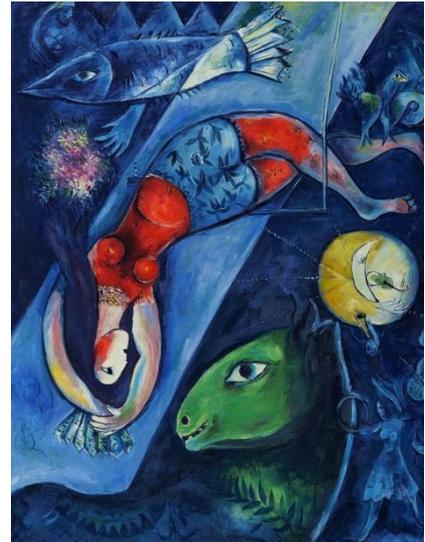


# Chagall Newsletter

Happy New Year!



Christmas does seem like a distant memory already, however it is really great to be back in the classroom with our wonderful class. Thank you for your continual support. The children were a credit to us last term and I am very proud of the way they have responded to being in year 6.

There were many achievements last term, including both our class assembly and the Remembrance service. Both of which the children played a big part in organising and leading. I hope you will agree that we are promoting and encouraging very confident children in our class.

Terms 3 and 4 are very important in Year 6, a time when we really begin to focus on what each individual needs to personally prepare for the SAT's in May. It is a demanding time and it is important that we all work together to support the children's learning. Please feel free to discuss any concerns with me.

This term our Topic is *The American Dream*. 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 *Twist of Gold* written by Michael Morpurgo. We will use our reading to write narratives, recounts, persuasive texts and discussions. We will include drama in our English lessons as much as possible to encourage our imaginations. In SPaG we will be looking at a range of punctuation and identifying different clauses.
- **Maths.** This term we will take our focus back to place value to ensure the children have a strong understanding of every number. We will also look at statistics and reading scales.
- **Science.** Electricity followed by Light. We will take the time to learn about famous scientists involved with these too.

- **RE.** We have been 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. This term our key question is *What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?* We have already started to make comparisons between Islam and Christianity.
- **History/Geography.** We will be learning about the United States of America.
- **Art.** We will be looking at the use of colour and how that affects the way a piece of art is viewed.
- **D&T.** We will be putting our sewing skills to the test and designing a bag.
- **PE.** Hockey and Gymnastics.  
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 Thursday. There will 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.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Calder