



Autumn 2023

Welcome to Year 6's Newsletter

We would like to begin our newsletter by saying 'Welcome Back' to Salisbury Primary School and we hope you have had a wonderful summer. We have an exciting term ahead with lots of activities going on in school, as we move towards the winter holiday.

English:

This term in English, we are excited to explore a variety of writing purposes and engage with the captivating story of Corey's Rock. Through this novel, we will have the opportunity to develop our writing skills by creating different types of texts. We will delve into the world of descriptive writing, where we can vividly portray the characters and settings from the story.

Reading:

This term in reading, we are thrilled to be diving into the fascinating world of Wonder by R.J Palacio. This heartwarming and thought-provoking book will not only engage our Year 6 students but also provide ample opportunities for them to enhance their inference and deduction skills. As we explore the story of Auggie Pullman and his journey through school, we will encourage our students to delve deeper into the characters' thoughts, feelings, and motivations. Additionally, we will utilise SATs based questions to challenge their comprehension and analytical thinking abilities.

Please encourage when possible your children to login to Bug Club to access a wide variety of books, grammar and spelling games and also record any home reading log on BoomReader.

Maths:

To kick off the Autumn term, we will explore the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division - equipping our students with the necessary tools to solve mathematical problems confidently. Additionally, we will dive into the world of fractions, helping students grasp the concept of parts of a whole and how they can be manipulated in various operations. Lastly, we will investigate units of measure, allowing students to develop a strong understanding of different metrics and how they can be used in real-life situations. To reinforce these concepts, daily arithmetic exercises will be incorporated into our lessons, providing students with regular practice to enhance their computational skills.

Spelling:

Your child will be provided homework, each Friday, which will include their spellings for that week. These will be assessed each week, so please encourage your child to complete the tasks set for them.

Creative Curriculum

Geography – Rivers:

To begin the Autumn term, we will be diving into an exciting exploration of rivers. This interdisciplinary project aims to foster curiosity and deepen their understanding of the natural world. Through a range of engaging activities, including field trips, experiments, and research, students will delve into the fascinating world of rivers. They will learn about the formation and characteristics of rivers, their importance in various ecosystems, and the impact of human activities on river systems.

History – The Victorians:

After the half term break, Year 6 students will embark on an exciting journey into the fascinating world of the Victorians. This topic will provide us with a valuable opportunity to delve into the rich history, culture, and advancements of this era. We will explore various aspects of Victorian life, including their social hierarchy, technological innovations, and significant historical events. Through engaging activities and interactive discussions, we aim to develop a deeper understanding of this influential period in British history.

Art and DT:

This term, our art and DT lessons will be exploring the captivating world of impressionism through the remarkable works of Claude Monet.

Science:

This term, in science, we will be looking at how to classify, categorise and label animals, people and other objects based on their characteristics and other features or questions that we look at. Our focus will be on helping the children understand that different things fall into different categories and the best way to organise them. This will be done through discussion and visualisation.

RE:

This term, in RE, we will be covering a wide range of interesting and thought-provoking topics. Our focus will be on exploring different religions and their beliefs, practices, and values. We will delve into the foundations of major world religions. Through engaging discussions and interactive activities, we will gain a deeper understanding of the importance of religious tolerance and respect for diverse beliefs.

PSHE:

This term, in PSHE, we will be focusing on the important topic of "being me." This topic aims to help pupils explore and understand their own identities, strengths, and values. Through various activities and discussions, we will encourage students to embrace their individuality and develop a positive self-image. By exploring the theme of "being me," we hope to foster a sense of self-confidence and acceptance among our Year 6 students, preparing them for the challenges they may face as they transition into secondary school.

PE:

This term, in PE, our focus will be on orienteering. Orienteering is an exciting and challenging sport which will develop and build children's abilities to work as a team.

Our P.E. day is Wednesday, please come to school in the correct kit.

Reminder:

On Friday 6th October, the Year 6 pupils will have the wonderful opportunity to participate in a Macmillan coffee morning. This event, which will only cost 50p, is not only a great way for our students to enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate, but it also allows them to contribute towards a meaningful cause.

Pupils will be partaking in forest school on Friday mornings – please bring appropriate kit for learning outdoors.