

Spring Term: Curriculum Newsletter: Year 6

<u>Spring Term 1 Topic:</u>	Desert Lands
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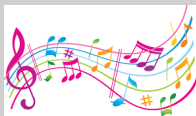

Dear Parents / Carers




We hope that you have had a really lovely Christmas break and that your children are feeling rested, recharged and ready for 2024!

This term our learning will focus on *Geography* and in particular the location and characteristics of deserts. Alongside this Curriculum Newsletter, your children will receive this term's Knowledge Organiser, which contains key knowledge, key facts and vocabulary that the children should learn, as part of homework, by the end of the term when they will take their 'end of topic quizzes'.

Focus on Curriculum

Below outlines some of the exciting things your child will learn about and experience this term, through the different curriculum areas.

Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physics: Electricity.
Geography 	Developing skills and learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• map reading• Learning about time zones• Physical and human characteristics of deserts• The causes and impact of desertification
Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All the learning is focused around two tunes and improvising using: 'Bacharach Anorak' and 'Meet The Blues.'
Languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• En classe: Items in the classroom.

<p>Computing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purple Mash: Coding
<p>Personal Development (SCARF)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Keeping Myself Safe' will be our topic this term. This covers legalities concerning drugs and alcohol and sharing things safely online.
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball (Outdoor) • Benchball (Indoor) <p>PE days this term are: Larch: Tuesday pm (Outdoor) Thursday pm (Indoor) Beech: Tuesday pm (Outdoor) Friday pm (Indoor)</p>

Signposts to Learning

We know that you will be keen to support your children with their learning. Below are some suggested books and websites, which can help.

<p>Websites</p>
<p>www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/deserts https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/water-cycle/ www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/geography www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary</p>
<p>Books</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Biomes Around the World - C.E. Eboch • Climate book with Informative Facts - Bold Kids • The Ordnance Survey Kids' Adventure Book: Puzzle, Explore, Map-Read...and More! - Ordnance Survey

Homework

Homework will continue to be set and collected in the same way this term. We will continue to encourage independence in the completion of their homework, with a view to becoming 'Secondary Ready' by the end of the year.

Reading

This term children will complete a weekly comprehension task alongside regular independent reading. School have bought a book for every child to support this homework, please ensure these books are sent back with your child every Wednesday. We will no longer complete weekly Reading Diaries but please encourage your child to read independently regularly.

Spellings

We will continue to send home weekly spellings. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings for their spelling test on Wednesday.

Maths

A maths task will be set every week. This will be focused upon basic skills, and will be in a familiar format, based upon class learning from the week, so the children should be able to complete the tasks reasonably unsupported.

Important Dates for Your Diaries

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th January	Personal Development - SCARF Lifebase visits for all KS2 classes
Friday 26th January	Cross country - KS2 at KGA (tbc)
Monday 29th January	FSA coffee morning (Amy Phillips - school nurse attending)
Week beginning 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Week beginning 12th February	Half term

If you do have any questions, or queries regarding homework, please feel free to contact us through the family messaging service on the Seesaw app. If you need a new seesaw code please let us know so you can receive messages from class teachers.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Ash, Mrs Burch and Mrs Zenonos.