

Courtney Primary – Topic Sheet









Term 1 – Year 6

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What is this topic sheet for?

This sheet shows you the topics your child is covering this term and gives you ideas and ways you can help your child at home. The library is always a good starting point and the internet has many great sites. If you visit www.courtneyprimary.school.co.uk and click on the 'Links' section, you will find useful websites listed there.

 <p>Literacy In Term 1 the children will read biographical and autobiographical texts, particularly those of people related to the Victorian period eg. Dickens, Darwin, Florence Nightingale. They will analyse the structure, language and organisation of these texts in preparation for planning and writing a biography of their own. In the second part of the term we will move onto fiction based texts set in different genres. Being able to recognise the features of different genres will be a focus. Children will then use features identified to write their own short story. Carefully choosing effective words will be important so please encourage your child to expand their vocabulary.</p>	 <p>Numeracy Throughout the year it is essential that all Year 6 pupils can quickly and accurately recall all of their times tables up to 10 x 10. Weekly tables tests will take place on Fridays. Mental arithmetic is also a key area for pupils to improve in preparation for their KS2 SATs. Your child should be able to recall key facts about shapes and measures as well as complete calculations mentally. In numeracy lessons our areas of study are : place value; ratio and proportion; data handling; addition and subtraction; fractions, decimals and percentages and using a calculator.</p>	 <p>Science Forces in Action is our theme this term which will be linked to the work of Victorian scientists and engineers e.g. Brunel. Children will have numerous opportunities to revise and extend their understanding of forces through practical investigations using magnets, forcemeters, parachutes, spinners, etc. They will pose questions to investigate, collect measurements and draw graphs to represent their findings. Using precise scientific vocabulary, such as 'upthrust', 'air resistance' and 'friction,' is important this year so please help your child to share their learning with you, making use of this terminology.</p>			
 <p>History /Geography Through biographical texts in literacy, photographs, paintings, artefacts, newspaper extracts, etc. we will be learning about Victorian Britain.</p>	 <p>ICT The children will learn about internet safety this term. Using a carefully produced scheme they will be encouraged to recognise both the benefits and risks in using technology to communicate. We will highlight the safe and appropriate behaviours to use when using e-mail and text messages.</p>	 <p>RE Following the biographical theme in literacy, the children will be learning about the life and work of significant religious leaders who have had a positive impact on the world. Throughout the year we will compare aspects of different religions to consolidate and extend learning.</p>	 <p>Art / D.T Opportunities to share and evaluate Victorian paintings will take place throughout the term. The children will learn about the life and work of the Victorian artists William Morris and Millais. They will have opportunities to draw and create collages of Victorian scenes. While learning about Brunel group bridge building challenges will take place.</p>	 <p>PSHE 'New Beginnings' is our theme in Term 1. Understanding our rights and responsibilities in the school will be discussed. The children will share ideas in groups and develop strategies to deal with problems when they occur. A class charter will be compiled and signed by all.</p>	 <p>PE Swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons at Longwell Green pool. The class will be divided into three groups, one of which will be led by a leisure centre instructor. On Thursday afternoons the class will be taught games for 1 hour by a sports coach. It is advisable to remove any earrings on these days prior to coming to school.</p>

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your child have had a great summer and have had plenty of opportunities to relax and enjoy yourselves. We have made an excellent start to the new school year and indeed the new school building. I am confident that the children will rise to the challenge of the higher level of expectation for Year 6. To help your child have a successful year I have included a few ideas below.

Please encourage your child:

- to bring a water bottle to school for use in the classroom (and to remember to take it home once in a while for a wash!)
- to read every day, if possible to an adult and remember to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day.
- to learn all of their multiplication tables up to 10x10 and division facts ($100 \div 10 =$ etc.)
- to learn how to tell the time (including digital displays such as those on microwaves, DVD players etc).
- to do their homework and hand it in on time! Homework will be given on Friday to be completed by the following Thursday at the very latest.
- to have the correct PE kit in school, including a hair bobble where required.

Also, <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/> is an excellent website with lots of educational games and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/> is an excellent way for children to improve their typing.

We are in the process of organising the annual Year 6 trip, which this year will be a joint trip with Year 5. We are currently looking at returning to the Heatree Activity Centre. The trip will take place in Term 6.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Leeming