

# Class Newsletter

## Year 6

### Spring 1



Happy New Year! We are very excited for a new term and a new year at school!

In this newsletter you will find information about the various topics and activities your child will be studying during this half term.

Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school, it will really help them to learn!

In Year 6 we have Mrs McCrea, Ms Green and Mrs Kinloch-Horne. We are all working very hard to ensure that your child receives the very best education they can at Gilnow.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions.

### This term we will be learning:

- English – Historical Narratives and Non-chronological reports
  - Maths- Ratio and Algebra
  - History- Early Islamic Civilisations
  - Science –Light and how we see
- Art – Digital media, with a focus on the work of Yayoi Kusama
  - RE –Humanism
- Computing – Computer Science, with a focus on programming variables
  - French – On Mange
  - PE – Dance

### English

In Year 6 children will be looking at different types of texts to build on their reading comprehension and looking at how to use this information to support their writing. This half-term we will be focusing on writing a historical narrative set in Baghdad and a non-chronological report based on our learning in history. Our spelling focus is on the year 5/6 key words and spelling rules. These words don't follow any pattern.

## Reading

Every child will be read with in a guided reading group at least once a week with a teacher and 1:1 reading once a week. All children will also have a home-reading book and we would expect you to hear your child read as often as possible. Year 6 will be focussing retrieval, vocabulary and inference skills.

## Maths

In Maths this half-term, we will be applying our mathematical knowledge to problems involving ratio and algebra. We will also be regularly practising our arithmetic skills.

## Science

In Science this term we will be learning about light and how we see, through a range of scientific enquiry methods.

## Physical development

This half term PE will be on a Thursday and Friday.  
Please bring in the correct kit. No earrings to be worn on PE days.

### English Targets- as a class our targets this half term are:

- Improve quality of handwriting by using diagonal and horizontal strokes.
- Use a range of emotive language to show how a character is feeling..
- Create atmosphere and describe settings using a range of grammatical devices and high quality vocabulary.
- To use sub headings and paragraphs to create a cohesive report.

### Maths Targets- as a class our targets this half term are:

- Use place value.
- Show working out.
- Follow the strategies that we are taught.
- Continue to learn all times tables.

## Homework

**Your child's homework project must be completed by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

They will also receive weekly spellings and must read a minimum of 3 times a week.

Thank you for your support!

- To learn spelling rules for prefixes and suffixes.
- Research art created from the Golden Age of Islam and create a piece inspired by your findings.
- Design a menu in French for your own café.

**\*\*REMEMBER\*\***

To read to an adult at home 3 times each week (get them to write which pages you've read, date and sign in your home school reading record).

Please make sure you use TTRS at home too 😊