

Park Junior School - Year 6 Curriculum - Spring - Term 1

Happy New Year!

This term we welcome Mr Griffiths into our Year 6 team! Mr Griffiths is very excited about getting to know our children and families. Please come up and say hello at the end of the school day.

With best wishes,

The Year 6 Team

Year 6 staff:

Mr Tiller (Falcons)

Mr Griffiths (Kestrels)

Mrs Oakes (Kestrels)

Ms Price (Falcons)

Mrs Lyes (Falcons)

P.E. days:

Monday (outdoor P.E. - hockey)

Friday (indoor P.E. - gymnastics and fitness)

Educational visits/ events:

Workshop from our community support officer, focusing on online safety

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English 	Maths 	Science 	
<p>In English, we will be reading Greta Thunberg's essay "No One Is Too Small To Make A Difference". We will write our own versions, taking on all of the persuasive devices that Greta uses in her writing and performing the finished pieces out loud.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i> This work is all about persuasion! Can you child persuade you to change their Friday evening tea? What arguments might they use? What persuasive tricks might they include to sway you one way or another...?</p>	<p>The maths assessments that we completed before Christmas showed us the need for a particular push on problem solving. As a result, we'll be focusing particularly on this - encouraging the children to visualise problems in different ways, and teaching them to scaffold their workings in different ways.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i> Maintaining a push on immediate recall of times tables and number facts will support this work on problem solving. That aside, challenge your child to complete calculations before you can! Who can add up the cost of items in a shop the quickest?!</p>	<p>In science, our theme will be 'animals, including humans'. This will include exploring the circulatory system, researching the impact our diet has on our bodies and learning more about drugs and alcohol.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i> Discussions about drugs and alcohol will be a good springboard to the children's learning in class. Last term we had a visit from our community support officer to do a workshop of drugs and peer pressure, so recapping some of the issues raised will be beneficial.</p>	
Geography 	R.E. and PSHE 	Wider curriculum 	
<p>Geography is our key focus for this term. We will be focusing on the geography of Asia, and comparing it to our own locality. We will explore migration and engage in discussions about why this happens.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i> Google Maps is great fun! Spend some time navigating around Asia - checking out the sites and seeing what different locations look like.</p>	<p>R.E. this term will focus on Humanism. We will compare humanist ideas to those of Islam and Christianity and consider the different viewpoints. Our PSHE will look at how we can keep ourselves safe - an important topic, with the children approaching their transition to Year 7.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i> Have a talk about what different members of your family believe in! Family members can believe in different things, and it is always worthwhile discussing those differences to give insight into people's beliefs.</p>	<p>In computing, we will be looking at online safety. With our pupils reaching an age where use of social media, mobile phones and gaming are an increasing part of their lives. As a result, we aim to equip the children will the know-how to judge risk and navigate their way as safely as possible. We will teach the children to identify unsafe websites and to consider carefully how they communicate. French will focus on the weather and the seasons.</p> <p><i>What can we do at home?</i> Talk about any issues around online safety and let us know what issues arise so we can cover them in class.</p>	