



Year 6 Newsletter

Monday 4th June 2018

Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely half term break. After such a busy half term with SATs and our residential, the fun is not slowing down. We have an action packed final half term planned for the 2017-18 academic year.

New Topic

Just a reminder that we're linking the contents of certain subjects so that the children are given a rich, broad-based curriculum. Our theme this term is 'Evolution' which includes links between Science, Art, Music, DT and History.

Reading

There is no doubt that children benefit greatly from reading regularly. Reading feeds their imagination, widens their vocabulary and, in turn, enhances their writing. We are grateful to you for spending time reading and discussing books with your child and would ask that you **write a comment** in his/her homework diary each time you do so.

This will give us an indication of progress at home. We expect to see at least 3 comments each week and will award house points for this. Likewise, we would hope to see that children have been practising their times tables, using TT Rockstars, and will award house points for those practising at least 3 times each week.

Timetable Changes

Now that our Year 6 children have completed their SATs, our timetable focus will change somewhat. Maths and English will continue to be taught by your child's class teacher but there will be an increased focus on core subjects such as computing and science alongside more art, DT and music. In addition, we will begin rehearsals for our end of year leavers' production.

Science Testing

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2018 key stage 2 (KS2) science sampling tests.

The Standards and Testing Agency has selected 1,900 schools to take part in the science sampling tests. They will randomly select 5 pupils to take the tests at our school. The tests will take place on Tuesday 12th June and we will notify you if your child is one of the 5 chosen to sit the assessments.

PE Kit

6AP/6CF: Wednesday
Friday
6JH/6KT: Tuesday
Thursday

Please ensure your child comes to school 'PE ready' in the appropriate PE kit on these days.

Homework

We expect the children to practise their spellings, times tables and to read daily – around 5 minutes on each is perfectly adequate. On the set Maths and English homework, your child shouldn't spend any more time than one hour - please ensure they stop at this point and note this in the homework diary. Please check their diary every day as you monitor their homework. Should your child ever lose a piece of homework, they must speak to their class teacher. If a child doesn't understand a particular question on their homework, they can attend the homework club (in 6AP) during lunchtime on Wednesdays for clarification and further guidance. However, it is our expectation that they complete the homework out of school hours and we greatly appreciate your support on this.

Date W/B	Maths Homework	English Homework	Spellings	Reading	Maths Skills
Monday 4/6			Spellings are Set and tested every Monday. Please can children learn the rule as well as the words and practise writing them in sentences so they know what the words mean and can use them in context.	Please remind children to read at least three times a week and record this in their homework diary – house points will be awarded for this.	To help children develop their times table skills, if they have access to a computer, it would be useful for them to practise using TT Rockstars. If there is evidence of the game being used at least three times a week, and recorded in a homework diary, we will award a house point.
11/6	Set Mon/ Due Fri	Set Mon/ Due Fri			
18/6	Set Mon/ Due Fri	Set Mon/ Due Fri			
25/6	Set Mon/ Due Fri	Set Mon/ Due Fri			
2/7	Set Mon/ Due Fri	Set Mon/ Due Fri			
9/7	Set Mon/ Due Fri	Set Mon/ Due Fri			
<i>Our homework is set and due during the week – there is no obligation to work over the weekend (unless by choice).</i>					

School equipment

As always, the children look smart in their school colours and we hope that this will continue throughout the term. Children are allowed to wear watches in school and small studs if necessary, but necklaces, bracelets and rings are not allowed. They will be asked to remove jewellery before a PE session – our advice is that they do not wear it on those days. Making sure they have the right equipment for lessons is also of great importance – pencils, black pen, ruler, rubbers and a pencil sharpener are all valuable learning resources. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Lunchtime clubs

The Year 6 team will be running the following clubs over the next half term;

Activity	Day	Teacher	Location	Time
Handbell Club	Tuesday	Miss Teagle	6KT	12:30 – 1:00
Homework Club	Wednesday	Mr Palmer	6AP	12:30 – 1:00
Netball club	Tuesday	Miss Henderson	Ball Court	12:30 – 1:00
Colour 'n' chill	Thursday	Miss Fawcett	6CF	12:30 – 1:00

Clubs starting 11th June 2018

Dates for the diary

Transition day - 4th July – full transition day at Ousedale and some other secondary schools (please check if your child is going to a different school)– *note that your child does not come to OMS at all on this day*

Additional Ousedale transition mornings; Monday 11th June, Monday 18th June

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team

English:

In preparation for their move into secondary school the children will be refining their writing skills across a variety of genres including diaries, narratives and persuasive letters.

Maths: This term mathematics will include: calculating mentally and using written methods of recording, problem solving, fractions, place value, number properties and developing investigation skills. In addition, we will begin to recognise mathematic patterns and relationships through various geometric drawings.

Science:

Our Science topics this term are light and evolution. The children will be learning to recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines and use this knowledge to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them. They will also be learning about the ways that nature shaped the world around us.

PSHE:

The children will be focusing on the forthcoming transition to secondary school. They will discuss their visits to the schools they will be attending and be given opportunities to discuss queries and questions they may have in order to help the feel reassured about the change.

Learning in Year 6 Summer 2018

Computing:

In Computing we will be creating our own 3D city. This will involve researching a range of buildings, looking at their purpose, features and shapes; designing our own buildings with a specific purpose; creating it using Tinkercad and then printing it on our new 3D printer!

Art:

Mrs Norman will be leading a number of exciting activities this term which will use a wide range of artistic skills.

Music: Following on from last term, in Music the children will be learning about the importance of music as a boost to morale during both World Wars, particularly World War II. They will learn about the styles of music of the time as well as learning about the popularity of dance halls. They will learn about the famous musicians of the time, such as Glenn Miller and Vera Lynn and be able to recognise why they were so popular.

PE:

We are continuing to look at athletics, working towards improving our performances in individual track and field events. We will also be working on striking and fielding games including rounders and softball.

French: Our topic is "clothes". Children will learn how to describe their school uniform, to design and describe their ideal uniform, say what they wear in different weather conditions and for different activities. Through this topic they will learn how to use adjectives accurately and extending the grammar necessary for secondary school French.