

# Year 6 Autumn 2 Term Curriculum

What a fabulous first half term we have had in Year 6! The learning attitudes, hardworking attitudes and general citizenship has really impressed the Year 6 team and it was truly showcased in our presentations at the end of the half term. We cannot wait to see what Autumn 2 will bring – the bar has been set high!

## Autumn 2 Curriculum – Secret Spitfires

To fully round off the topic, we have decided to continue 'Secret Spitfires' for one more week - ending it appropriately as a group reflecting and showing our respect for all those we have learned about at St James' Church on Remembrance Day.

In the first week, children will be using their newfound knowledge to write a first person narrative in role as a Spitfire pilot. Having seen a Spitfire up close at Solent Skies, studied the technology of how pilots breathe at high altitudes and developed sketching skills creating portraits of actual RAF Spitfire pilots, we are certain the children will create highly exciting narratives to be shared.

## Autumn 2 Curriculum – A Fair Christmas for all

Year 6 will be spending the rest of the half term in full Christmas spirit! Using and developing their design skills, the children will be creating their own Fair Trade companies, designing and making Christmas themed, Fair Trade food boxes to sell to our school community.

In Geography children will learn how trading takes place throughout the world. They will locate regions where key raw materials are made and discover how buying and using fair trade products can help to support producers and transform lives. This knowledge will support the children in creating a mission statement for their company.

The children will then dive straight into the design cycle, researching and testing current food box design and finally making their own, aesthetically pleasing design to sell on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** from 2.50pm (in the school hall).

As all children will need to trial and make their fair trade recipes before selling, we will need as many parent helpers as possible to support us with cooking. If you have any spare hours over the coming weeks and would like to cook with a small group of children, please see your child's class teacher.

## Key dates Autumn 2

**11/11/19** – Hook Day- LUSH workshop

**11/11/19** – Flu immunisations

**11/11/19** – Remembrance service @ St James – *Grandparents only invited*

**12/11/19** – Yr 6 Health Checks

**12/11/19** – Parents Evening

**14/11/19** – Parents Evening

**15/11/19** – INSET Day

**Week beginning 16/12/18** – spelling test

**19/12/18** – Christmas box shop – SJS school hall – 2.50pm

## Homework

Each week children are asked to complete the following:

**SPELLINGS** – The new curriculum words for this half term are:

*correspond sincerely vehicle controversy occupy existence conscience occur  
opportunity equipped appreciate secretary profession amateur neighbour*

Please encourage the children to learn these spellings over the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week before half term. The children have been introduced to these in their spelling lessons.

**READING** – Children should be reading at home at least four times per week and should be recording their reading reflections in their logs. We have been impressed with the reading reflections children have been completing independently after reading. Teachers be awarding effort stars for reflections which demonstrate children have been using their reading skills at home.

**TIMES TABLES** – Children are expected to complete the games set every week on the Times table Rock Stars website. Games are reset every Wednesday morning. Class teachers monitor the amount of games completed by the children in their class every week. A new reward system linked to Times table Rock Stars in year 6 will be launching this term. Big maths beat that, times table tests will continue to take place on a Friday.

## PE

**Indoor P.E:** Friday (all classes)

**Outdoor Games:** Wednesday – led by Team Spirit (all classes)

As the weather is never guaranteed, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for their outdoor PE sessions as Team Spirit are keen to work outside whenever possible.

To maximise the amount of time children have in their outdoor PE sessions, they will leave school on a Wednesday wearing their PE kits. Please remind your child to bring their kit back to school the following day for our indoor session.

## Cooking contribution

Throughout our next topic, the children will have the opportunity to cook Christmas themed recipes. The food they produce will be used as part of their ongoing market research when designing their Christmas themed food boxes.

To cover the cost of the cooking ingredients, we are asking for a **£3 donation per child**. This can be donated via the school office.

Thank you for your support

Thank you all for the support you have given so far this year – looking forward to the next term.

The Year 6 Team.

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Mr Richards

Mrs McQuay

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