



# Year 6 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2024



Dear families,

Welcome back to year 6! This is a big term and we have lots to fit in and look forward to.

The children will continue their journey along the Homerswood Pathway Curriculum, which encourages children to grow, be curious and discover. We hope that you have noticed how far your children have already come this year. They are certainly showing more confidence and they have largely developed brilliant attitudes towards their learning, including resilience and independence. They are no longer afraid of the expectations of the year six curriculum and are keen to challenge themselves. It must be acknowledged that SATS week is pending and May brings the big week. We will continue to provide the children with a rounded and varied curriculum and, though SATS is not our main priority, it is important that the children are prepared and ready alongside all of the great learning opportunities.

For your information, the table below shows the areas we will be covering in each subject and contains some links you may find useful:

Subject	Topics and how to support your child.
English	<p>We will begin with a focus on free verse poetry, before moving onto explanation texts and discussion texts this term. We will be using an array of quality fiction and non-fiction texts, writing for effect with purposeful sentence structure and vocabulary. We will continue to focus on formal and informal texts, to support our inference skills, vocabulary knowledge and writing skills. Throughout a variety of narratives, reports, poems, posters and letters - the children will demonstrate their writing ability.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on spoken language and reading fluently. Do continue to read and share texts with your child - encourage them to read in a range of contexts to help them in developing a lifelong love of reading. After our visit to the local library; I hope the children are inspired to get reading.</p> <p><a href="#">Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - The Science of Spelling</a></p> <p><a href="#">Stephen Fry talks about turning on the subtitles - YouTube</a></p> <p><a href="#">English   Homerswood Primary and Nursery School</a></p>
Maths	<p>In maths, we will continue to develop numerical fluency through daily fluency sessions. We will build and develop our skills and practise using them in a range of contexts.</p> <p>Our topics this term include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Order of Operations and Algebra</li><li>Formal written method for Division</li><li>Relationships between Area and Perimeter</li><li>Recognise and finding angles</li><li>Reflection and Translation</li><li>Multiplying, dividing fractions</li><li>Fractions Problem solving</li><li>Ratio and Proportion</li><li>Volume</li><li>Measures</li></ul>

	<p><b>Statistics</b> <b>Algebra and Sequences</b></p> <p>Talk to your children about their mathematical learning. Make the most of 'real life' opportunities to interact with numbers - for example, when shopping, travel planning, and budgeting. Continue to focus on reciting and using times tables facts - perhaps you could hold a times tables family challenge. As always keep up the times table rockstars streaks!</p> <p><a href="https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477">https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw</a>  <a href="http://www.mathletics.co.uk">www.mathletics.co.uk</a>  <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></p>
Computing	<p>In computing, we will be starting with exploring <b>spreadsheets</b>, before moving onto <b>blogging</b> and understanding <b>binary</b> - all using purple mash and the chromebooks.</p> <p><a href="http://www.purplemash.com">www.purplemash.com</a>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f</a></p>
RE	<p>In RE, we shall be exploring the <b>Christianity</b> enquiries:</p> <p>Is anything ever eternal?  Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on earth?</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j</a></p>
Art	<p>In art this term, we are going to be learning about <b>Making my Voice Heard</b> by exploring different artists work and understand the power of art and imagery.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5XMF3Inoi8R9nSl8ChOsdQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5XMF3Inoi8R9nSl8ChOsdQ</a></p>
Science	<p>In science this half term we are going to be furthering our Year 4 learning on <b>Electricity</b>, before moving onto the topic of <b>Animals Including humans - Circulatory system</b> in Spring 2.</p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science</a>  <a href="https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/">https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/</a>  <a href="https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/">https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/</a></p>
Geography	<p>During Spring 1, we are going to cover the topic of <b>Global Warming and Climate Change</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zcw76sq">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zcw76sq</a>  <a href="https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/earthday.html">https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/earthday.html</a>  <a href="https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/">https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/</a></p>
History	<p>During Spring 2, we will be covering the historical topic through studying the <b>Ancient Greeks</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw</a>  <a href="https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greece.html">https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-greece.html</a></p>
MFL	<p>In French, this term we will begin by covering the topic of 'The Weekend' before moving onto 'Habitats'.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z39d7ty</a>  <a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a></p>
PE	<p>In PE, we will continue our lessons twice a week for an hour each. In Spring 1: Dance and Hockey. In Spring 2: Yoga and Tennis.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/TheBodyCoachTV/search?query=kids%20cosmic%20kids%20yoga">https://www.youtube.com/c/TheBodyCoachTV/search?query=kids cosmic kids yoga - YouTube</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go_noodle_exercises_for_kids">go noodle exercises for kids - YouTube</a>  <a href="https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fitness-6-12.html">https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/fitness-6-12.html</a></p>

D+T	In Spring, we are going to apply our knowledge to create our own playground structures. <a href="https://www.theschoolrun.com/5-at-home-design-and-technology-projects-for-primary-children">https://www.theschoolrun.com/5-at-home-design-and-technology-projects-for-primary-children</a>
Music	We will be continuing to develop our skills in listening, appraising, comparing, composing and performing. In Spring, they will focus on <i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i> . <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/half-term-music-activities/zmmpxyc/">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/half-term-music-activities/zmmpxyc/</a>
RSHE	In RSHE, we will begin with the topic of Dreams and Goals. In Spring 2, we will focus on <i>Healthy Me</i> . <a href="https://mindfulnessinschools.org/misp-sit-together/">https://mindfulnessinschools.org/misp-sit-together/</a>

#### Reminders:

- As always, **good attendance** is essential to maintain good progress.
- If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- Children can obtain a **new book** from our class or our main library whenever they return their previously borrowed book. They should write regularly in their reading journal on purple mash.
- A **labelled, filled water bottle** should be brought into school every day.
- School shoes should be black and preferably children should wear black trainers on P.E days which are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.
- Continue to check our website. It is updated regularly and, there, you can find photos and further details of our in class activities.  
<https://www.homerswood.herts.sch.uk/year-6-15/> Additionally, ensure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me. We love to celebrate the children's achievements and this is an easy way to ensure that you do not miss out on the action.

#### Home Learning:

- Home learning will be set via Google Classroom at the start of every week to consolidate that week's learning or prepare for the week ahead.
- Children should be reading regularly at home and reading with an adult 3-4 times per week. Please discuss the texts that your children are reading and ensure they are age appropriate to extend and challenge their vocabulary knowledge.
- Please continue to use TT Rockstars and Spelling shed at home. These are great resources which are fun to complete and really contribute to understanding and retention.

#### Important dates:

- Please check the diary dates on the website for regular updates. There will be further parent newsletters from Miss Kettle to inform you of any important dates.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or queries. You can email us at [year6@homerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:year6@homerswood.herts.sch.uk)

We are very excited about the term ahead and look forward to sharing the children's learning journey with you.

Very best wishes,  
Miss Garoghan and Miss Williams