



# Summer 1 Newsletter

## THE YEAR TEAM:

Class 5: Mr Butler and Mrs King  
Class 6: Mrs Mead and Miss Oram



### English

We will be:

- Continuing with descriptive writing using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and phrasing to introduce and describe new characters.
- Introducing our topic on Minibeasts through poetry and non-fiction texts. Children will be taught how to research and take notes which they will use to create their own factfile.
- Continuing to focus on spellings, punctuation and grammar throughout the term.



### Maths

We will be:

- Introducing mass, capacity and temperature. The children will learn how to calculate problems involving grams and kilograms, millilitres and litres.
- Fractions - using the language of part-whole, numerator and denominator. The children will be learning how to recognise and find  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of shapes and amounts.



### Science

We will be:

- Learning about food chains and what each animal needs to survive.
- Studying Lifecycles of insects and what happens during each stage
- Exploring the habitats of Minibeasts within our school grounds and then trying to replicate some of these.



### Computing

We will be:

- Learning about online safety through our computing unit called My Online Life. This has been developed to improve children's knowledge of the risks of their online lives and to develop skills when using online services. It takes an holistic approach to each of the different elements of their online lives.



## R.E.

We will be:

Focussing on Special Books and their significance. We will look at books that are special in different religions and discuss why they are important. We will also ask the children to share books that are important to them and to explain why.



## P.E.

Hockey: we will be practising skills of passing and how to control the ball. The children will be shown the correct stance and body position in order to achieve success.

Gymnastics: we will be developing our core body strength through a variety of shape and balance techniques.

P.E Days:

Monday: Gymnastics

Thursday: Hockey



## Geography & History

We will be:

Comparing Overton to our link school in Kibubula, Uganda. We will be comparing physical and human features using primary and secondary sources and begin to ask geographical questions.



## Art & D.T.

We will be:

Looking at and researching two weaving artists Bryana Bibbs and Monika Correa. We will be researching, designing and creating our own woven projects.

In DT we will be looking at structures and what are the best type of joints and fixings to make them strong and stable. We will then build a model out of everyday materials and then evaluate the effectiveness and stability of the structure.



## Music

We will be:

Focusing on instruments and music from Africa. It focuses on the song Che Che KOOLAY. Children develop their own performance by the end of this unit. They learn about the relationship between a steady beat and rhythm patterns. They also learn techniques to play African drums, and they sing and play using 'call and echo' and 'call and response' songs and chants.



## Heart Smart

We will be:

Looking at the Heart Smart principle this half term:

Fake is a Mistake

This half term, we are unpacking how to bravely communicate truth and be proud of who we are.



## Worship

We will start the new term with a focus on the value of Humility (Summer 1) where we will be reflecting on:

- In what ways do we encourage everyone to serve each other?
- How do we encourage the children to be empathetic and sympathetic to the experiences of others?
- How do we create an ethos in which we are confident to ask for help and to receive help from others?

Our Year 6 ambassadors will be leading whole school worship with support each half term too.

We will continue to make explicit links with our core Christian values of Love, Hope and faith and with the British values wherever possible (which are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs).



## Key Information

P.E Days: Mondays & Thursdays

Spelling & Tables: Thursdays

Library: Mondays

**Have a fantastic Easter Break!**

