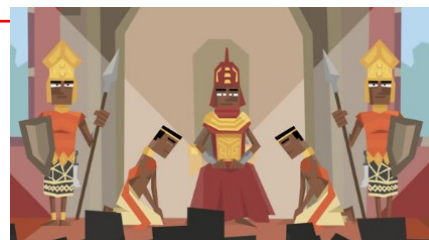




Year 6

It's a new term!



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school after the half term break! We are looking forward to another half term in Year 6 with some new topics!

If you need to speak to us for any reason during this term, we will be in the playground at end of every school day, however, due to boosters in the morning, we will not be on the playground at the beginning of the day on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Please don't hesitate to contact us via dojo or pass a message on via Mr Sheppard on these days. Please see the timetable below to see who is teaching when.

Here's to another happy term!

Mrs Muranka & Mr Nino

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Morning	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Muranka	Mr Nino
Afternoon	Mrs Muranka	Mrs Winestein	Mrs Muranka	Mr Nino	Mr Nino

Important Dates for your diary:

Parents Evening consultations:

In person: 5th March

On phone: 3rd March

World Book Day 6th March

Science

It is Science Week nationally from the 7th-16th March. To celebrate this, the whole school will be taking part in various scientific investigations across all classes. This is usually a very fun and different week which the children all enjoy!

British Science Week

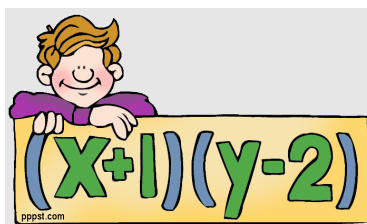


English

In English, the children will still be focusing on books relating to our topic of Africa. We will be reading books such the fastest boy in the world and Africa is not a country. The children will have the opportunity to write their own Narrative pieces of writing based on the exploration of Charles Darwin (Science link). The children will then be looking at non chronological reports focussing on African animals. Lastly, we will look at newspaper reports. We will also be now revising grammar skills ready for SATS next term. The children have also received spellings to practice at home on a weekly basis.

Maths

This term, we will be starting to look at Algebra. We will then move onto looking at Ratio and Proportion. We will also be looking at area, perimeter and volume of shapes as well as translation of shapes. Lastly, we will be revising all Year 6 maths topics ready for SATS next term.



Starbooks!

We will be continuing with our reading scheme this year and children should keep reading as much as possible at home! Children should mark off how many times they have read in their homework diaries and will earn a reward for reading 25,50,75 and 100 times.

History & DT

We will continue to focus on Africa and more specifically focus on the Kingdom of Benin and looking at the similarities and differences with British History.

In DT this term, the children will be focussing on designing, making and evaluating a Moroccan tagine for friends. We will use appropriate equipment and utensils to measure out, prepare and combine ingredients. We will also use annotated sketches and ICT to develop and communicate ideas as well as carrying out sensory evaluations.



PE

PE will be taught by MVMT on a **Wednesday** afternoon and Mr Nino on a Friday afternoon. The topics this half term are **Dance and Hockey**. This term, your child **should come in suitable PE kit every Wednesday and Friday**.

Knowledge Organisers

If you would like to know more about our units of work in Science and all the Foundation Subjects (Geography, Art, French, Computing, PSHE and PE) then please head over to our website where you will find our knowledge organisers. These organisers will support the children's learning and will be stuck in their books, being referred to each lesson. Each knowledge organizer contains key vocabulary as well as powerful knowledge that we will be learning throughout the half term.

Homework Class Dojo & Planners

Homework will be given out in class every Friday afternoon. Homework is due in the following Friday where it will be marked as a class. Children should make sure their homework books are brought back into school to mark on Fridays.

Spelling lists for this term will be given out along with this newsletter. There will be a spelling test every Thursday afternoon.

Each Friday, the children will receive a Maths and Reading task. On top of this, the children should practice their times tables at least 5 times per week on TT Rockstars (15 minutes) and are expected to read every night at home (3 pages or more). We always encourage the children to read independently and if your child does this at home, please sign in his/her homework diary so I can keep track in school.

The children all have a homework diary that they keep track of homework and the reading they do. I am so pleased to see most of the children using these books effectively. Each day I will continue to sign the children's diaries and sign at the end of the week once they have completed all homework. I encourage parents to also sign their child's homework diary at the end of each week. Children should keep track of how many times they have read in this book and tell me when they have read 25, 50, 75 or 100 times so they can receive their reward.

Year 6 Weekly Homework Breakdown 2 hours and 30 minutes per week			
Spellings	Times Tables	Reading & Writing	Maths
10 weekly spellings to practise ready for a test every Thursday	30 sessions of TT rock stars to complete weekly	Reading comprehension task to complete weekly Independent reading for 10 minutes, 3 times a week Writing and SPAG activity	Re-capping learning from class/ SATS style questions
Creative Homework Topic Grid with one activity to be completed termly.			

