

Y6 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to our first term of Y6! The children have all settled in really well and are already working extremely hard! We have had a fantastic start to the year and we seem to be enjoying being back at school!

Our topic this half term is...

'Ironstone Valley'



Geography

The children will be thinking about what our world will look like in the future. We will be starting off our topic by thinking about what they like about our local area and deciding on an area they would like to see improved, sustained or developed. The children have worked hard to produce a questionnaire to share with you in order to take the needs and views of others into account before they make their final decisions. They will also be focussing on the types of housing, employment, public services and amenities available in our local area and how these may be developed in the future.

Maths

The children started off the term by looking at the place value of numbers to 10,000,000. We have been busy ordering, comparing and rounding these numbers. We are currently practising the four operations and the children are working really hard to develop their column methods as well as learning new methods to help them with their learning. We have had a big focus on developing a rapid recall of our times tables facts and have been busy working on our 3's, 4's and 5's.



English

To support our topic of mining, the children will be writing a description of what it was like for a 10 year old working down the mine. We have been busy reading lots of stories and finding out lots of interesting facts! The children will also be writing a story linked to working in the mines focussing on a dilemma and a resolution. We will finish our English work by writing an argument explaining whether or not children should have been allowed to work down the mine at such a young age.



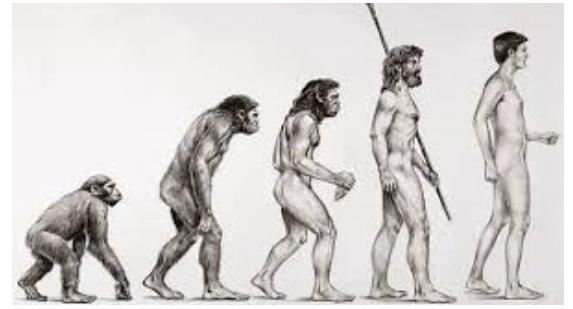
RE—Our first RE topic is all about 'Loving', we started off by thinking about how they know that they feel loved and what it means to them. We will be moving onto making links to the story of the prodigal son and how love is unconditional and how mistakes are forgiven. We will be thinking about how we can show love and care to others and how our religion shapes our lives.

Other areas of the curriculum...

Science— Our focus this half term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will be finding out how living things have changed over time and how variation can make animals more or less likely to survive in particular environments. We will be focussing on Charles' Darwin theory of natural selection, as well as palaeontologist Mary Anning's work with fossils.

Art—In art we will be working with charcoal in order to create mining pictures.

DT—In DT, we will be designing and making a mine shaft lift using CAMs, which I am sure will look impressive. Lots of sawing of wood and gluing will be taking place!



Reading— We are currently in the process of allocating book bands to the children. From Monday, we expect your child to read every night at home, a comment needs to be written in their green reading record. I will be checking reading records on a Friday in order for children to move along our reading challenge board in our cloakroom. Please can you ensure that you sign your child's reading record.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a clear water bottle in every day with water to ensure that they are hydrated throughout the day. Juice and flavoured water is not allowed in school. School water bottles can be purchased from the school office (£1.50). Children must take their water bottles home every night.



PE—Year 6 has PE on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. PE kits must be brought in on a Monday morning and taken home on a Friday so that they can be washed over the weekend. Our PE kit is a yellow t-shirt, green shorts and trainers/plimsolls.

Trips, Visits, Visitors

I am currently in the process of booking a trip to visit Skinningrove Mining Museum in October to support our topic. More information will follow shortly.

If you have any concerns, questions or worries please contact the school office and I will give you a call back.

Miss Wright

Marvellous Me

Hopefully you have already received lots of MM's regarding your child's achievement in school. It is a wonderful way for me to share your child's achievement on a daily basis and also a way of communicating vital messages and information. If you do not have access to this, please can you let me know and I can print off your parent join codes.

