



Reepham Church of England Primary
Be Known. Be Loved. Belong.
Year 6 Newsletter Spring Term 2



Year 6 – Mrs. Small and Mrs. Ward

Focus Value: **Forgiveness**

In **Collective Worship**, the children will be considering the meaning of this term's value which is **forgiveness**. They will learn that forgiveness means choosing to let go of anger or hurt feelings towards someone who did something wrong, even if it is difficult. They will also listen to stories and think about releasing negative emotions and focusing on the positive, such as understanding and empathy. This will link to the Bible verse, Matthew 6:12, "Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others."

The music genre the school will be listening to is 'Musicals'. In Year 6, we will focus on the music and plot from the show *Wicked* and ask: 'Is it fair to judge others on first impressions?'



Reading remains the heart of our curriculum. Children should continue to read their book at home. In Year 6, if children achieve their targeted number of pages read each week, they get entered into the reading raffle where they can win a book of their choice.

Our class reader will continue to be *Malamander* by Thomas Taylor. We will be considering the themes of family and belonging.

In our reading for pleasure time, we continue reading *Darwin's Dragons* by Lindsay Galvin – a historical adventure which blurs fact and fiction.

Writing:



In writing lessons, we will be creating a chronological report about Charles Darwin - his life and discoveries - before finishing the term creating a narrative with dialogue to advance the action

In grammar lessons, we will refine our use of key stage two punctuation and ensure this is embedded correctly in our independent writing.

Maths:

We will look at a range of mathematical concepts this term: area & perimeter, statistics and shape.

Pupils will benefit from continuing to practice their times tables at home.

Across the curriculum:

This term our **Geography** topic is 'Energy' and is centered around the enquiry question, 'Where does our energy come from?' We will learn about different energy sources and how they are distributed in an area.



In **PE** we will be bringing together all we have learned throughout each year group in our final gymnastics unit of our primary school journey. We will create a 21-action sequence with travel, jumps, rolls and balances. We will also complete a flight sequence using the vault.

In **Biology**, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. We will discover how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environments as well as learn about evidence around the theory of 'Natural Selection'.



In **French**, we will be learning phrases for activities we may do at the weekend. This will be extended with telling the time as well as opinions and justifications.

We will be learning to cook fajitas and salsa in **DT**, practicing our chopping and slicing skills.

In **RE**, we will be continuing to learn that Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection during the festival of Easter. Easter is celebrated all over the world and the children will have the opportunity to make comparisons with how it is celebrated in the UK compared to Ethiopia. In Ethiopia, Easter is called Fasika and they will be introduced to a little boy called Dawit who will share his experiences.



In **PSHE**, we will be doing some work to develop and increase our resilience, self-confidence, self-esteem and social emotional skills.

This will lead us to the big question: 'What parts of your life do you love? Why?'

In **Music**, we will learn about film scores. We will identify how different styles of music contribute to the feel of a film; how different instruments evoke different emotions and create a musical score to represent a composition.

Other information

Please note that Year 6 has PE on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday** this half term.

If your child is continuing to go swimming this term, please ensure they have their swimming kit with them in a large 'bag for life' every Wednesday.

We also give out homework on Wednesday and it should be handed in by the following Tuesday. There will be an optional weekly 'homework club' each Monday lunchtime should children wish to attend.

On the final week of this term, Year 6 children will have their PGL residential. Please note, we have arranged a parent meeting in regards to this trip on Tuesday 17th March at 3.30pm.

Knowledge Organisers

Attached to this newsletter are 'Knowledge Organisers' for our Geography, Science, French and Design Technology units. These are designed to give you an overview of the learning and the essential information taught in these subjects during Spring 2 as well as help children learn and remember more over time. During our weekly lessons, we will provide children with the same Knowledge Organiser to use as a learning prompt sheet which supports work undertaken in class. We ask that you use this at home as a discussion prompt with your children in order to help develop their long-term memory and vocabulary skills.

Some ideas to use the Knowledge Organiser at home with your child is as follows:

- Read the Knowledge Organiser together with them
- Test them on remembering the facts that they have read
- Ask them to practice spelling the key vocabulary
- Ask them to explain what the words in the key vocabulary list mean
- Ask them to summarise small sections of information on the KO - put it in their own words
- Ask them to explain the events that happened on any key dates contained on the KO
- Ask them to recreate any diagrams contained on the KO
- Challenge them to compete against you in a quiz based on the KO



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