

Curriculum Newsletter

Learning in Year 6



GREENLEYS
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Spring Term 2020
Terms 3 and 4

English



In English this term, we will be continuing to cover and revise a range of text types and grammar, punctuation and spellings (GPS) topics in preparation for our SATs. At the start of the term, the children will be writing non-chronological reports linked to Topic and Science. Later in the term, we will be studying Greek Mythology, building to writing our own narratives using 'The Write Stuff' approach.

The children will regularly be bringing home a reading book so they can read for a short time each evening. The target is for your child to read three times a week, preferably with an adult. We would be grateful if you could initial their reading record. Handwriting is also something we will be continuing to focus on. It is essential that all children can write using joined handwriting before the end of Year 6.

Maths

This term will see us continuing our work based on the Year 6 maths curriculum. This will include topics such as fractions, decimals and percentages, measures, geometry and properties of shape as well as constant consolidation of the formal written methods in preparation for the arithmetic and reasoning SATs tests in May.



Any work you can do to help with the quick recall of the times tables at home would be hugely beneficial. The children can also access the computer programs (such as Sumdog, Education City, MyMaths, Topmarks and IXL) that we use in school. Passwords have been provided to each pupil.

Science

This term we will be continuing our biology topics with the completion of the topic on 'Evolution and Inheritance' and a study of the human circulatory system. We will then move on to physics with a revision topic on 'Electricity'. Science will be cross-curricular and will involve elements of English and Maths too!



Computing

Our next topic is computer programming in which the children will be using Scratch. With Scratch, the children can program their own interactive stories, games, and animations. In lessons, they will be learning how to create their own basic game based on number bonds. The children will also continue to use their laptops in lessons as a valuable resource for researching and presenting their learning.



Art



Linking in with our topic of Ancient Greece, the children will be making their own Greek inspired artwork. As well as this, the children will be designing and making their own Greek pots.

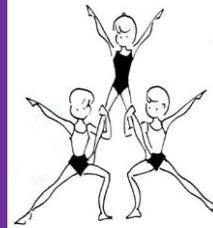
Humanities

This term, Year 6 will be studying the Ancient Greeks. The children will be learning about the life, traditions, culture and legacy of the Ancient Greeks. We will also be learning how Ancient Greeks have heavily influenced the western world. At the start of the topic, we will be having an Ancient Greek day, where a special visitor will come into school to fully immerse the children in their new topic for the term.

This will then progress into this term's Geography topic, where we will be looking at ancient cities as well as the physical geography of Greece.



Physical Education



For our indoor lessons, both classes will be doing gymnastics. The children will be building up to some technical group balances and sequences as well as using apparatus to perform their gymnastic skills. Later in the term, the children will be taking part in dodgeball. Outdoors, the children will be starting with hockey and then moving onto developing their athletics skills. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has their PE kits (named) in school from Monday to Friday.

Music

Over the next two terms, year 6 will be focusing on digital music, using the keyboards in various lessons.



MFL – French

The children will continue to learn French over the next two terms, focusing on the developing their understanding of the French language and how they could use this if they were to visit France (topic titled: 'Let's visit a French town').

Helping Your Child At Home- Homework

Unlike Terms 1 and 2, the homework Y6 receive will change slightly. Each week they will receive Maths and a Grammar and/or Punctuation homework from their set teacher. Spellings will continue weekly. This will be given out on a **Thursday** and due in every **Tuesday**. We will give children the opportunity to complete their homework at lunchtime on a Monday if they need to. In the run-up to SATs (and in preparation for secondary school), it is important that the children take greater responsibility for their learning. Therefore, there may be an increase in homework as the children are encouraged to complete revision, 'little and often'. The school has purchased a number of CGP revision books to help the children and we would appreciate your support and co-operation in supporting your child at home.

If you need to talk through ways in which you can support your child at home, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Staff are available at the end of each day for 10 minutes to talk through any issues/concerns or ways of supporting your child at home.

