



Year 6 Curriculum News



Welcome Back!

After a relaxing Christmas the children are all back and ready to start an exciting term. We have so many enjoyable and fun filled learning opportunities to look forward to. We are beginning our Young Leader training which helps the children to learn the skills of being a leader and gives them the opportunity to plan their own games and activities for the younger children at lunchtimes. Our up and coming residential trip to East Barmby is a particular feature of this term which seeks to provide the children with a breadth of opportunities to develop their confidence, independence and resilience, not to mention their outdoor activity skills. We are also looking forward to moving the children on and maximising their potential in the core subjects, in particular we will be working hard in developing greater independence and creativity in the children's writing.

Reading

As always, regular reading forms an essential element of learning at home as well as instilling in the children a love of literature. We wholeheartedly recommend that you spend time enjoying and talking about books at home.



Thank you for your support and comments in your child's reading record so far. Please do continue to listen to your child read regularly and record the book(s) they have read in the planner. Children should read at least four times per week at home - some of these occasions to an adult.

For new, exciting and challenging books check out our reading list on the school website.

<http://www.elloughtonprimaryschool.co.uk/year-6.html>

Spelling and Handwriting

Spellings will be set and assessed on Fridays. The children will have their spelling lists in their planners. They can practise these in their Home Learning journals in a variety of ways.

Handwriting is a key focus in school this term. We expect to see all written tasks, including Home Learning work, presented to a high standard.



Home Learning

Home Learning will be set for Maths SPAG and Reading on Fridays' and is to be handed in on the following Wednesday.

Your child will have 3 new books which will have their Home Learning in. This term we focus on revising skills in preparation for their SATs.

Details on the pages to complete and time limits will be found in their planners. Please would you sign in the planner to confirm your child has completed their Home Learning. We will check this every Wednesday when their Home Learning is handed in.

P.E. Kit

The children will be having PE lessons twice a week. Please ensure both indoor and outdoor P.E kits are in school every day as timetables can be subject to change and additional sporting activities sometimes take place.

An outdoor PE kit consists of: trainers, black jogging bottoms, white t-shirt, white socks and a plain black or red fleece or school tracksuit top. An indoor kit consists of red shorts, white socks and a white school logo'd t-shirt. No item of clothing which they wear as part of the normal school day should be worn for PE. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up (only if pierced in the last 6 weeks).



The Human Body



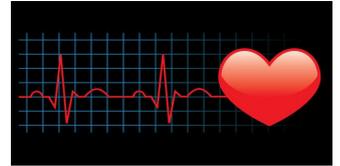
We will be learning about the muscle, skeletal and circulatory system of the human body. As well as discovering how nutrients and water are transported around the body.

We will be demonstrating our learning through art creating sculptures and paintings as well as making a television advert to promote a healthy lifestyle and the effects of this on the body.

Things to try at home:

Try one new and healthy food each week.

Listen to a family members hearts beating after different forms of exercise.



The Alps

Following on from our learning about mountains we will be studying The Alps in France. We will be investigating both the human and physical geographical features and comparing it to other countries. We are hoping to be very practical and design and build our own ski lifts as part of a DT project. As well as looking at tourism and creating our own holiday companies.

Things to try at home:

Watch documentaries on The Alps.

Collect holiday brochures and plan imaginary holidays to the Alps.

Stop Animations

As part of our Computing curriculum we will be creating Stop Animation movies. We will be using them as a basis for some writing in Literacy.

The films will be made with a younger audience in mind and the children will be working with the Year 2 children to create movies they would enjoy.



Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development

The children will continue last term's initial work on 'Winning in the game of life' which is a multi-faceted programme that empowers children to make better choices in the face of any challenge in their lives. The programme provides tools to give them a sense of purpose and increase positive behaviours, such as leadership, social and study skills. By exploring and learning spiritual principles, children begin to understand and build their: problem-solving ability, self esteem and sense of autonomy; social competence skills and sense of direction.



P.E.

In the first half term, the children will follow a programme of netball and dodgeball. They will learn and develop their basic ball handling skills and movement as well as applying attacking and defensive strategies and tactics in the game situation. The children will also do dance and gymnastics and begin playing cricket and tennis.