

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024
YEAR 6



Class News

Please ensure that uniform, coats and bags are labelled. Please remember to bring labelled water bottles to school each day and a healthy snack for breaktime is optional **(NO NUTS)**. Lunch should be ordered from home for the week using Schoolgrid.

Homework

- 10 minutes Timestable Rockstar Practice each night
- 20 minutes reading each night & Accelerated reader quiz or reading blog
- Weekly spelling. Test at the end of the week.
- Weekly maths homework (arithmetic and mymaths)
- Weekly reading or grammar homework

All homework will be set on Google Classroom so please ensure you are signed in. If not, please come and speak to us and we will do all we can to help.

CORE SUBJECTS

English writing

As part of our Write Stuff scheme, we are exploring the fairytale 'baddies' and writing in the viewpoint of a villain. After this, we will be linking our writing to our Science learning of evolution and inheritance as we write our own Non-Chronological report on the Origin of Species.

In these lessons children will be taught grammatical skills and shown how to stack a sentence. Each lesson will build up and work towards their final piece of writing.



English reading

We will be working on the different elements of skilled reading with a variety of text types as well as learning techniques on answering detailed comprehension questions.

We will be practising specific skills such as: summarising; understanding vocabulary; viewpoints; the author's intent; inference and more, in greater detail.



Mathematics

This term's maths will cover five different areas. **Place value** - using and calculating with negative numbers as well as rounding whole and negative numbers.

Time - we will be recapping telling the time as well as using 24-hour clocks then moving on to calculating time intervals, finishing off with time word problems including timetables.

Geometry - describing positions on all four quadrants

We will also have the opportunity to revise areas of multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages.

FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Science

Our science unit is all about Evolution and Inheritance.
The children will be exploring inheritance and how variation is created.

They will be identifying how plants and animals are adapted to suit their environment. They will be researching how animals have adapted over time and what fossils can tell us about the animals that have inhabited the earth.

History/Geography

This term's Geography will cover a variety of geographical skills and concepts: map-reading; biomes, climate, vegetation belts and a South American (Argentina) study.

Children will be: using atlases as well as digital maps; using reference grids to locate places of interest; using topographical maps; identifying human and physical features of places of interest; identifying, linking and comparing different biomes, climates and vegetation belts as well as exploring and comparing British and Argentine cultures.



Art



Art will cover a variety of skills and a range of media. This term, two artists will be compared (George Seurat and Banksy) through sketching and collage, respectively.

PE

We are lucky to have skilled sports coaches who will be teaching the children PE every **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on a Thursday.



Music

The children will be recapping their prior knowledge of their music journey here at Suffolks: tempo, timbre, pitch, pulse and more.

The first half term will focus on listening to and appraising music from different eras, genres and cultures - this will feed into the second half term's focus of composition. Here, children will be using a variety of music technology (such as SoundTrap and YuStudio) to create and compose their own music. These pieces will be linked to our art work by portraying a social justice message or issue.



Useful sites

Google Classroom: <https://classroom.google.com/u/0/>
AR: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentportal/entry?t=1894748>
TTRS: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>
Mymaths: <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>
Maths games: https://www.mathplayground.com/grade_5_games.html
BBC Bitesize KS2: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>