

Dear Parents/Carers.

September 2017

Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you had a great summer and are looking forward to a new year at Ocklynge. The table below is a brief overview of the curriculum area that your child will be covering this term. Our topic this term is 'Ancient Greeks'. This topic will also continue into the beginning part of Term 2, after which will be learning all about Volcanoes. Some of the curriculum areas are linked to the topic but others are taught separately. We hope you find it useful.

<u>English</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Science: Light</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>PHSE / R.E</u>
<p>Key texts: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan.</p> <p>Daily spellings and reading.</p> <p>On-going grammar work that is embedded into the key texts. In addition to this, we will have very high expectations for presentation.</p>	<p>Daily maths lessons involving: Place value where the focus will be ordering and comparing numbers up to at least 1,000,000, rounding numbers up to at least 1,000,000 and solving number problems in context. We will also add and subtract mentally as well as using formal written methods.</p>	<p>Children will be able to recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. They use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. They will learn about light and sources and use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the object that cast the shadow.</p>	<p>Our focus will be the Ancient Greeks. Children will use and understand abstract terms such as empire, civilisation, parliament and peasantry. They will examine periods in world history. They will look at reasons for conflicting historical accounts. They will analyse sources of information for accuracy, usefulness and combines them to answer questions.</p>	<p>As well as our Philosophy for Children and Rainbow Groups sessions, we are learning about services provided in the community, the role of a democratic society and recognising the roles of charities</p>
<p><u>P.E & Games</u></p> <p><u>Games</u> Football, hockey, rugby and netball on a termly rotation.</p> <p><u>P.E</u> The focus will be on gymnastics with a focus on bridges, holes and barriers</p>	<p><u>Art / D.T</u></p> <p>Children will look at the use of Greek Masks make observational sketches, design and create a Greek mask. They will then evaluate their design.</p> <p>They will also explore the impact of well-known designers and inventors and how their products helped to shape the world.</p>	<p><u>Spanish</u></p> <p>Revision of previous learning Spanish alphabet Vocabulary related to: Autumn, Ordinal numbers, directions, Spanish stories and Christmas</p> <p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>Children will follow a route on a small scale map, use a range of maps to plan the quickest route and find alternative routes. The outcomes will be a map of the route of Helen of Troy.</p>	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>Chord sequences Exploring and creating jazz and blues music with a focus on melody, lyrics and chords.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Using search engines Researching our topic Creating power points E-Safety</p>



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Homework will involve daily reading and spellings. Maths and English homework will be set on alternate weeks.

We have organised a trip to Devonshire Park to take part in an event called 'Safety in Action'. It is an event which is supported by many different agencies such as the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service. More information will follow.

Please find below a timetable for PE, Games and swimming. Swimming days will be confirmed shortly. The days allocated for PE may be subject to change as we are working hard to ensure that the timetable for PE is workable for all concerned. Therefore it would be beneficial for your child's named PE kit to be in school every day.

Class	PE	Games	Swimming - TBC
6B	Wednesday	Thursday	
6M	Tuesday	Thursday	
6H	Tuesday	Thursday	
6J	Thursday	Thursday	
6FW	Wednesday	Thursday	
6LG	Wednesday	Thursday	

Please could you check your child's feet for verruca's weekly, as children, unfortunately will not be able to take part in swimming lessons unless they have a verruca sock. (These cost £2.25 per sock).

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a weekly basis. In school children will be taught the spelling rule, therefore, the combination of words will focus on that particular rule. The rules are based on appendix 1 from the National Curriculum. Although children will be tested on the spellings, it is also a requirement that the spellings are then used in their independent writing.

I am looking forward to meeting you in the coming year. However, if you do have any issues or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher or myself where we will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

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