

Robertswood School



Information About This Term's Work

Year 6

Spring Term 2022

**Mrs Chapman, Mrs Allen,
Mr Cartledge and Mrs Davis**

8.50	09:00 - 10.20			10.40 - 12.10			1.10 - 2.10	2.20 - 3.30	
Monday	Maths	Spelling	Break	English	Independent reading	Lunch	Science	P.E.	
Tuesday	Maths	Reading		English	Comprehension		History	Computing	
Wednesday	Maths	Reading		English	Comprehension		R.E. / French/ PSHE (6AC) P.E (6C)	R.E. / French/ PSHE (6C) P.E. (6AC)	
Thursday	Maths	Reading		English	Independent reading		Geography	Geography / Music	
Friday	Maths	Star of the week Assembly		English			Art / RE / PSHE		Star Time

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring Term, a very important term. This letter is to tell you about our class activities, expectations and the work that is planned for this term.

Children are allowed to bring in their own stationery from home again this year but they can of course still borrow any items they may need, in school. Please note that children are expected to write in blue ink and that correction fluid (Tippex) is not permitted.

Children also need to bring in a bottle of water (sports cap) to drink so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

P.E. and Games

This term the children will have P.E. sessions run by an external sports coach on Wednesday afternoons.

Children will have an additional P.E. session on Monday afternoons.

P.E. kit must be worn to school on these days. P.E. will take place outside on Wednesdays so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Children will be asked to remove any jewellery before each session. Therefore, they will need to bring micropore-type tape if they are unable to remove earrings. Long hair must be tied back.

Homework

Reading homework continues in Year 6. Please encourage your child to complete a regular record of their reading; they should read for at least 20 minutes a day with at least five written entries in their Reading Record. Reading Record books should be handed in on Friday mornings.

It will help your child improve immensely if you continue to listen to them read regularly and ask them questions about the book to aid comprehension.

Each week children will be set a Maths and English task to complete at home, along with a list of spelling words to learn. Children need to hand the homework to their Maths or English teacher. English and Maths homework will be handed out on a Thursday and is due in on the following Tuesday. Spelling words will be tested, in school, on Tuesdays.

Homework will be set on paper that is issued from school, completed at home and returned to and kept at school rather than a homework book that goes between school and home on a weekly basis. Brainbuilders will be continue to be set once per half term.

Homework Club will again be available one lunchtime per week, on Thursdays. This gives your child the opportunity to complete some of their homework in school, as well as receive any support or guidance that they may need.

The work we shall be covering in class this term includes:

English

This term, our class books will be 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill and 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Writing will be inspired by and linked to these books and will focus on character development. Alongside this, there will also be a focus on comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge; this will be ongoing over the course of the whole year.

Maths

Times table knowledge is key in all areas of maths, therefore, children should have an instant recall of the times tables facts from 1-12. We will be continuing with the 99 Club to improve the children's fluency with number. Every child also has Times Table Rock Stars login which is both a fun and excellent opportunity to develop instant recall of times table facts. In school this term we will focus on decimals, percentages, algebra and converting units of measure.

Science

The topics for the Spring term are:

Light

Children will learn how light travels and how this allows us to see objects around. They will also investigate different materials and their reflective properties, considering how we can change the direction of light. We will also look at shadows, why they occur and recognise the difference between shadows and reflections.

Chemical Processes

Children will study a range of chemical changes, such as burning and rusting. They will also investigate a range of materials that scientists have developed - with improved properties - that have impacted on our lives.

Computing

Children will be continuing their work using SketchUp for 3D modelling. They will also use Garageband software to create their own music tracks. Children will be working in small groups to record and edit their work as well as using programs to create art work.

History

The children will learn about life during World War II, with a focus on childhood; this will include learning about evacuation, air raids and other key events. We will also be reading Goodnight Mister Tom as a class.

Geography

Pupils will learn that rivers and river systems are dynamic, changing the landscape in visible and, at times, dramatic ways. We will follow the journey of a river through its upper, middle and lower course; from its source to its mouth. We will also examine the process of flooding, discovering why and how rivers breach their banks.

DT

The children will be learning about food preparation and how to create nutritious soups. They will design their own soup which will require them to bring ingredients in from home, along with a suitable container for holding soup. A letter will be sent home nearer the time.

P.S.H.E.

As part of the topic 'Caring for the Environment', the children will learn about our impact on the environment, find out more about a range of environmental and wildlife organisations and consider how we can make changes ourselves to reduce our impact on the natural world.

Children will also learn about basic first aid: why it is important; when people might need it; and practise some first aid skills.

R.E

We will explore the significance of religious pilgrimages and identify places which may be special to different people and reflect on why these places are important to them and the wider world.

French

In French the children will learn specific vocabulary to describe France's neighbours and positions/distances of a variety of cities. They will learn the French names for famous French landmarks and how to describe what people do when they visit Paris.

Art

In Art, we shall focus on painting and take part in a local painting competition run by the Rotary Club. The theme for this year's competition is 'Water'. Children will also look at the work of Patrick Heron.

Other Information

In order to supplement our upcoming history topic, we will be reading Goodnight Mister Tom as our class book. As in previous years, we will be watching the film version later in the term. It is rated PG so if you have any concerns about your child watching this, please speak to us in advance.

The children will be going on a trip to the Lincolnsfields Centre, Bushey on Tuesday 29th March. This will enable children to experience first-hand what life was like during World War Two. More details to follow in a letter nearer the time.

Parent consultations will be held on:

Wednesday	16 th March 2022
Thursday	17 th March 2022
Wednesday	23 rd March 2022

But please speak to the school office to arrange an appointment to see us to discuss any concerns about your child or their school work before then if you wish.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely

Mr Cartledge, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Allen and Mrs Davis