

Robertswood School



Information About This Term's Work

Year 6

Spring Term 2023

**Mrs Chapman,
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	Geography		Art	
Tuesday	Maths	Reading		English	Maths		History		Computing	
Wednesday	Maths	Reading		English	Maths		Music		P.E.	
Thursday	Maths	Reading		English	Independent reading		Science		French	
Friday	Maths	Star of the week Assembly		English			RE	P.E.		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 encouraged to bring in their own stationery from home 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 continue to have P.E. sessions run by an external sports coach on Wednesday afternoons.

Children will have an additional P.E. session on Friday 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 Monday and is due in on the following Monday. Spelling words will be tested, in school, on Friday.

Brainbuilders will be continue to be set once per half term.

Homework Club will again be available one lunchtime per week, on Wednesday. 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 texts will be 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill and 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. Writing will be inspired by and linked to these texts 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 ratio; algebra; fractions, decimals and percentages; area, perimeter and volume; and statistics.

Science

The topics for the Spring term are:

Evolution and Inheritance

Children will learn about how living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will also investigate how animals and plants are adapted and suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

Electricity

Pupils will construct simple circuits to answer questions about what happens when they try different components such as bulbs and buzzers. They will also learn how to represent a simple circuit in a diagram using recognised symbols.

Computing

Children will use 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.

History

Using the book 'Suffragette the Battle for Equality' by David Roberts as a starting point, the children will explore how life has changed since the late 19th century. They will explore the journey of how women came to win the right to vote, here in the UK.

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.

P.S.H.E.

As part of the topic 'Rights and Respect, 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.

In the topic 'Keeping Safe', children will learn about responsible behaviour and making sensible choices. This will include discussions about drugs: what they are and the laws surrounding them.

R.E

We will be studying the unit 'Ethics and Moral Issues'. During these sessions, children will explore their ideas of right and wrong, engaging in debates with their peers and reflecting on religious teachings and their relevance to our modern-day society.

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 'Celebration'. Children will also look at the work of The Cubists including Patrick Heron.

Other Information

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 and Mrs Davis