

Whitstable Junior School



Term 2 Curriculum Information 2019 For parents in Year 6



As Term 1 comes to an end, we would like to say a huge Thank you to you all for your support when listening to your children read and practice their multiplication tables and spellings. We really value these 3 life-skills and hope that narrowing down the focus for homework will allow for greater success. However, we have also loved sharing the optional homework completed, which has been fantastic.

Looking forward to Term 2, with the night's drawing in and Christmas to look forward to, we are also excited by all the fantastic learning opportunities to come.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask us or any member of staff on the gate in the morning.



What are we learning about this term?



Key Areas covered this term in Maths

This term we will be beginning learning journey into fractions: how to calculate with them, turn them from improper to mixed and vice versa, learning how to find fractions of amounts and apply our understanding to problems.

As the term progresses, we will be learning about shape, directions and position.

There will also be time spend consolidating and mastering all of the concepts covered so far this year, such as the 4 operations, place value and properties of number.

Children will also continuously reinforce their understanding of the main arithmetic skills through small tests, quizzes and daily questions.



Times tables



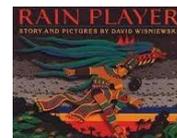
We work hard on learning our times tables and regularly check on the progress we are making. TTRockstars is great for learning tables and improving speed. Any practice at home would be a great help.

Key Areas covered this term in English

This term, we will begin by immersing the children into WWI inspired poetry, in order for them to understand more about the reason behind Armistice Day and to share with the residences of our local residence homes.

Following this we will explore an adventure story, entitled 'Virtually True' which encourages children to write flashbacks and their imagination of the virtual world, also inspired by a film from Literacy Shed.

Later in the term, we will read the 'Rain Player' by David Wisniewski a folk tale which is linked to our theme; The Mystic Mayans



Reading at home

We encourage children to read as often as possible. We have challenged all of year 6 to aim to complete the bronze bookmark by Christmas!

Spellings

Each week we look at a new spelling rule and will spend time each day doing spelling activities. Our weekly test is on a Friday. Spelling Shed is a fun way that children can play games and learn spellings at home.

Mystic Mayans, Darwin, Collage and music

During term 2 the children will be investigating **Mayan Civilisation**. They will be taking step back in time and exploring the amazing world of this very intelligent and influential civilisation. They will learn who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. They will use maps and atlases to locate Maya cities and identify countries in Mesoamerica. Furthermore they will learn about the religious beliefs and rituals of the ancient Maya people and find out more about some of the many gods they worshipped. The children will also learn about the Maya number system and have the opportunity to read and write Maya numbers and solve number problems. They will also learn, and taste, the types of food eaten by the ancient Maya people and they will find out about the significance of corn and chocolate, arguing which was most important in a class debate.

During our Science lessons, children will learn all about **Evolution and Inheritance** by learning all about the fascinating discoveries that have been made about how we use fossils to teach us about how animals have adapted to suit their environment. They will have the opportunity to make a virtual visit to the Natural History museum and they will construct a geological timeline. Children will also identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. They will explore the principal of inheritance, recognising that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but that normally such offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. Children will then research how plants and animals are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and they will identify some beneficial adaptations that may lead to evolution.

Children will also be continuing their **collaging skills** as well as develop their understanding of cams and making toys move.

Our Music theme this term is **Christmas music** and using the boom-wakers.

PHSE: What makes a healthy, happy relationship?

In PSHE, we will be exploring community and the concept of respect. In addition to this we will also be holding an Anti-Bullying week where children will be learning about the risks online and how to keep themselves safe through lots of engaging activities, games and film clips. We hope this will help the children to forge new friendships as they continue their journey through Whitstable Junior School.



Dates for the diary:

- **Friday 1st November-** 3H will be read to by the amazing Ben Roddy, whilst the rest of the school listen
- **Bikeability starts: 4th November** – Please ensure children are dressed appropriately and bring their bikes to school on Monday for checking. (Bikes to be lined up around the all-weather pitch in the morning)
- **WWI Celebrations/Remembrance** on Monday 11th November
- **Anti-Bullying Week** – Monday 11th to Friday 15th November
- **Our Open morning for prospective parents is on 16th November**, children will be invited to help during the morning.
- **Health and Weight checks for Year 6 children are on Wednesday 27th November-** letters will go out about this for you to inform us that you would like to opt out.
- **Arts Week** – Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December
- **Our Year 3 Nativity will be performed to the school on Tuesday 10th December.**
- **Our Year 3 Nativity will be performed to the families and friends on Wednesday 11th December at 2.15pm and again on Thursday 12th December at 6pm.**
- **Our Pantomime Day is on Friday 13th December.**
- **Our Christmas Lunch and Wear a something Festive is on Tuesday 17th December.**
- **Our Christmas Fair from 3:15pm on Wednesday 18th December.**
- **End of Term is Thursday 19th December at 3:15pm.**