

# Year 6 Curriculum Letter -Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the new year! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,  
The Year 6 team

Aurora class - Mrs Allman, Aslam, Carole, Heather  
Sky Class - Miss Laurie, Ms Reid, Jackie

## Topic

Our new topic will be **South America**. We will learn about the countries, culture and geography of this fascinating continent. This will include learning about the climate, the geographical features, the industries and the people of South America through a range of fun activities, giving us an insight into how life in South America is different to life here in the UK.

## English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on **'The Wedding Ghost'** by Leon Garfield and Charles Keeping, which is a wonderfully illustrated book about a ghostly wedding. We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of character description, setting descriptions and a narrative. As well as this, we will be exploring poetry using figurative language and writing dialogue to move a story on. To support children in their developing literacy skills, we will continue to do daily comprehension, reading and spelling activities. We are also continuing regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.



## Maths

Our first focus of the year will continue **with fractions, followed by percentages and decimals**. This will include recapping and developing children's understanding of adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying and dividing fraction leading onto learning the equivalent fractions for decimals and percentages and how to find percentages of an amount. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths knowledge and times tables through Mathletics.



## Science

Our first topic is **Living Things and their Habitats**, we will be looking at how living things can be classified, the reasons they are grouped and micro-organisms, all of which will help to develop children's scientific enquiry skills, by making observations, predictions and conclusions.

## PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on **Dreams and Goals** which lends itself to developing children's entrepreneurial skills to help them; work with money to aid their understanding of financial capability; generate money that could be used to support others less fortunate; develop age-appropriate skills to support them in their future workplace.

## Art/DT

In our Art lessons we will be refining our art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials, for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay.

## PE

Our lessons will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure PE kits are worn on these days. Our first PE focus will be invasion games and continuing athletics.

### Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:40 Reading  
9:40-10:45 English  
10:45-11:10 RE/Computing/PSHE/MFL  
Break  
11:25-12:40 Maths  
LUNCH  
1:25-2:25  
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE  
2:25-3:05  
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

### Dates for the diary:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January - SATs parents meeting  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Southwark Junior Citizenship scheme  
Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> January - National Story Telling week  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February - End of Spring 1 Term - Topic homework due  
14<sup>th</sup> February- 18<sup>th</sup> February - **Half term**  
  
PE days: Wednesday and Thursday