



ROCKLIFFE MANOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 Class Information:
Autumn 1
Teachers: Mr Smith
Mr White
TAs: Mrs Lewis

School value:

Our school value for this half term is KINDNESS. This value will be explored through assemblies, circle time sessions and throughout our daily routines.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a lovely Summer holiday and enjoyed making lots of memories! We are excited to be welcoming the children into Year 6 and look forward to the wonderful learning experiences we are going to share together. The Year 6 team are very proud of how the children have begun the year, displaying all the school values and setting an excellent example to the rest of the pupils.

If you wish to speak to me, please book an appointment to see me with the school office. You can also contact me via email csmith@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk.

Year 6's learning this half term:

This term, Year 6 will be focusing on the theme of Human Rights and what the impact of strip-mining has on the number of exploited workers who are mining precious metals in Western Africa.

In **English** this half term, Year 6 will be using 'Gorilla Dawn' by Jill Lewis as their core text. They will explore the text and think carefully about the characters and their internal thoughts. The children will build on their knowledge of descriptive language and extend this through adverbials and figurative language. They will then use a variety of skills to produce an internal monologue in the role of Imara. This will include skills such as hyperbole, ellipsis, varied sentence structures and emotive language.

Curriculum: This half term, Year 6's curriculum learning will have a focus on Geography. They will learn about the human and physical geographical features of the Democratic Republic of Congo. They will explore the different impacts of these features on the future to deepen their knowledge. The children will then learn about the mining of coltan for electronic devices and research the impact that this has on people and animals in the country. They will then present their findings and promote the recycling of mobile phones to other year groups.

Science: During the Autumn Term Year 6 will focus on Living Things and Evolution. We will start by learning how to classify different living things and discuss different types of plants and animals that live on Earth. During the second half of the term we will discuss the theory of evolution and how plants and animals adapt and evolve to suit their different environments. We will also learn about the life of Charles Darwin and how his theory impacted societies thoughts about plants and animals.

Maths: Maths lessons this half term will focus on the children developing their understanding of the place value of numbers to a million and beyond. We will review how to compare and order numbers and round to different number places. Through arithmetic we will revise the four operations and practice a range of calculations. The children will be given a range of fluency and reasoning activities throughout the term.

Music: Year 6 will be practicing copying and creating different rhythms based on a given criteria.



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PE: In PE this half term the children will begin their swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning. They will also be learning how to play Tennis in their outdoor sessions.

Computing: They will be recapping on all areas of online safety both at home and at school. As well as



Art: In art this half term, the children will be focussing on the artist Kim Guthrie, exploring the choices of colour and texture in order to create an outcome. They will incorporate a variety of artistic skills such as sketching, shading, use of colour and using different materials.

French: Year 6 will start the term by reviewing basic phrases and conversational French. We will then go on to being able to talk about our weekend and things that the children enjoy doing.

General Information

PE: PE will take place every Monday and Tuesday.

Reading Record books: Please encourage your child to write about any books they read in their reading record.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.

Times Tables: It is important that children in Year 6 continue to practice all Times Tables in order to improve their fluency. They should also use their Times Table Rockstars account whenever possible to practice.



Reading

We will do whole class reading **every day**. The children will work on a range of reading skills and strategies including deduction and inference.

The children will change their home reading books when they have finished. They can choose a book from home to read or take a book from the book corner. It is important that the children try to choose books that stretch them and help to improve their vocabulary.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.

Dates for the Diary:

- Thursday 15th September: Meet the Teacher Meeting
- Monday 19th September: Secondary Transition meeting 09:00 and 15:30
- Tuesday 20th October – Homework due in