



ROCKLIFFE MANOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 Class Information: Spring 1

Teacher: Mr Smith, Mr White

TA: Mrs Lewis

School value: Our school value for this half term is EFFORT. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

Author Focus: Our author focus this half term is Catherine Bruton the critically acclaimed author of titles for young people including 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria'.



Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely break and enjoyed some rest and relaxation. Year 6 were very busy on the run up to Christmas, making a trash themed city scape in art and performing their Christmas concert. This term, the children will learn about the golden age of the Benin Empire with a focus on the city of Benin and its position as one of the main hubs of trade on the African continent.

If you wish to speak to any of the class adults, please do see us on the playground before or after school or book an appointment with the school office. You can also contact us via email. The email address is [HYPERLINK](mailto:csmith@rockliffemanor.greenwich.sch.uk)

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Year Six's learning this half term:

The children will be learning about the golden age of the Benin Empire with a focus on the city of Benin and its position as one of the main hubs of trade on the African continent. The children will learn about the influence of this African empire and discover a range of leaders and emperors from this period of history. Links will be made between the positive influences of the Benin Kingdom on a local level, a national level and a global scale focusing on the arts, science and culture. Children will be able to draw comparisons between the Roman, Greek, British and Benin Empire and learn the stories of great leaders from Africa. Children will also consider the historical and current perceptions that Europeans have of Africa, the discovery of the bronze plaques and subsequent mass looting of artefacts. They will debate whether these artefacts should be returned and what led to the demise of the empire. This topic also provides opportunities for children to consider how we know about periods of history with no primary written sources, allowing pupils to evaluate the reliability of different types of evidence.

Maths: This half term, the children will be focusing on different units of measurement involving conversion of different imperial and metric units. They will also be covering time and calculating time-based problems as well as calculating ratio.



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Art: The children will create a mosaic art pattern on their canvas by attaching multicoloured tiles creating a symmetrical pattern that closely matches Islamic art.

RE: This half term, the children will be learning about Buddhism and the important places of worship for a Buddhist and the significance of a pilgrimage.

Science: The children will be learning about Light. They will investigate how light travels and how our eyes and brains work together in order for us to be able to see.

PE: This half term Year 6's indoor PE sessions will be gymnastics and circuit training. And the outdoor session on - a Thursday - will be rugby.

General Information

PE: PE will take place twice a week. Please make sure children bring their PE kits in every Monday. They will be taken home again each Friday so they can be washed. It is important the children have their PE kit in school every day. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Reading Record books: Please ensure children bring in their reading record books daily so that we will be able to read any messages you have written for us. The children should comment on their reading as much as possible.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on. The bottle must have a closable, non-spill lid.

Reading

We will do guided reading every day as a whole class. The children will be further developing the essential skills they need in order to decode, retrieve and infer from a range of different texts.

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 they have chosen. Reading Record books will be checked every Monday and the children are free to change their books whenever they finish a text.

Dates for the Diary:

- British Museum trip - TBC
- Author visit Catherine Bruton 23rd January