



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 6 – Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term 2021

Welcome to Year 6 and our autumn term curriculum letter. Here you will find useful information relating to this term along with helpful information for you to assist your child in their first term in Year 6. A copy of this year's long term planning provides an overview of the areas of learning and curriculum content that the children will be studying this term, this can be found on our school website: www.jys.org.uk.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs McGurk & Mrs Rattray to the Year 6 team this year. We have all really enjoyed welcoming back the children.

Meet The Teacher

This term, we have made short videos to introduce ourselves to you without the need for parents to come into school. The Year 6 video is available to watch at:

<https://youtu.be/rY29OCHaRr8>

Contact

We know how important it is to be in regular communication with you as parents, sharing information to ensure we can each support them both at school and at home. I am available for short conversations before school and for longer conversations after school, and will aim to make myself visible and available outside the Year 6 classroom each day. Please feel free to say hello!

Now that parents have more access to the school site again, we would kindly ask that email is no longer used as the primary contact point for teachers. Should you need to contact a member of staff via email, we ask that these are now directed to office@jys.org.uk who will forward your message on.

This term

WW2 – Battle of Britain

This half term the children will learn about World War II, a significant event in British and world history. In this history unit, the children will focus on the Battle of Britain as well as learning about the Blitz, evacuees and refugees. In addition, Paul Ullson (History Specialist) will join the children on the 5th October 2021 for an 'emergence morning' on the topic.



Refugees

After half term the children will be learning about refugees. In this geography unit, the children will gain an understanding of the reasons why people may leave their homes and understand key physical and human factors involved in migration and map the journey of a Syrian refugee to England.

Bikeability

We have our 'Bikeability' cycling safety course to look forward on the **29th November – 3rd December 2021**. A letter will be sent out later this term outlining details and consent forms. The Bikeability course is designed to give children the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. The children will be instructed in how to ride their bikes to the Government approved National Standard for Cycle Training and will be delivered in accordance with current government guidance.

The course is designed for riders who have reasonable control of a bicycle. Please contact me directly if there is anything you wish to discuss before this. Please ensure any consent forms are signed and returned to the school when they are sent out.

JYS Hoodies

The children will have the opportunity to wear JYS hoodies as part of their uniform in Year 6 later this term. A letter will be sent out in due course with further details.

Residential trip to Cobnor

After a successful trip to Cobnor Activity Centre last academic year, we are delighted to confirm the Year 6 children will be attending Cobnor in the summer term. Further details about the trip will be later this term.

Routines and reminders

P.E.

Our P.E. lessons will be on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons each week. In the first half-term, children's lesson will focus on: tag rugby and netball; and after half-term: Dance and football. I would be grateful if P.E. kits could be in school all week from Monday morning, however, as the children may need them for clubs and ad-hoc sporting activities at different points during the week, I will encourage everyone to take these home on Friday to be washed. For safety reasons, no watches or jewellery should be worn during P.E. lessons.

Home Learning

Home learning is usually set on a Friday and should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks will usually be set once a week. The type of tasks set will vary, but will usually include one piece of English and one piece of maths, designed to reinforce what they have learnt in class the week before. Occasionally, the children will be set a small project linked to their topic focus and when this occurs, more time is given to complete their home learning. ^[L]_{SEP}

Reading

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include reading books (fiction and non-fiction), newspapers, magazines and comics, the wider the range of genres that your child reads, the better. Many children will now be reading independently, but please do continue to discuss the books or texts your child is reading from time to time – this helps to consolidate their understanding of what they have read. We have a library of books exclusively for Year 6 within the classroom that they are welcome to borrow to read at home. Please encourage your children to fill in their reading comments books as often as possible to celebrate the books they are reading.

Spellings

The children will receive a spelling list weekly with words linked to a spelling pattern they have been learning in class. Initially, the word lists given in Year 6 consolidate and extend spelling patterns and rules which have been seen in previous years. Following this, we then focus on irregular words which are commonly used by 10-12 year olds in their everyday writing and more complex spelling patterns. Please help your children to practise their spellings. The children will learn a variety of different ways this can be done.

I look forward to being involved in your child's final year with us and hope to make it enjoyable. If you have any questions as the term progresses, or would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

Useful websites include:

- <http://nrich.maths.org> – An excellent source of maths challenges.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p059sgrc> - A collection of useful videos to help support learning on WWII.
- <http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Britain.html> - A great website aimed at primary children to help understand WWII
- <https://www.iwm.org.uk> - WW2 information

Kind regards,

Mr Harman