

Holden Clough Community Primary School's Curriculum Newsletter - Year 6 - spring 1 - 2023/2024

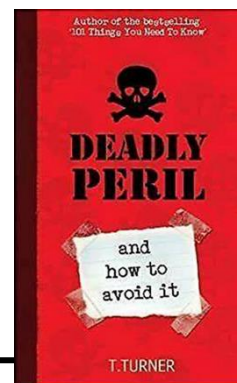
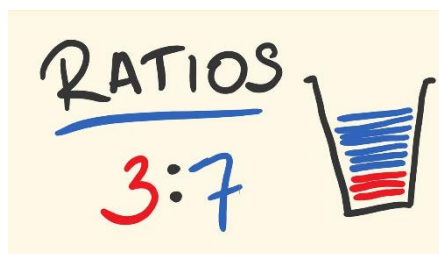
Introduction Welcome back after our well-deserved Christmas break! May we take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and hopefully prosperous year. It seems surreal to think 2024 will be the year when our current Y6 cohort leave...however there is still lots of learning, and indeed fun, to be had yet! There will also be various updates regarding SATs posted throughout this first spring half term so please ensure you check 'Class Dojo' regularly. Other than that, let's take a closer look at what exactly the children will be learning this half-term.

Year 6

Topic

In topic this half term, we will be learning about conflict and resolution. This unit is designed to expand pupil's chronological knowledge of British History beyond 1066. This unit will give pupils knowledge of the First and Second World Wars as well as how conflict still continues in the world today.

Conflict and resolution begins with an exploration of how the First World War began, looking at the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand as the catalyst. Pupils will also understand the role of the British Empire and how it wasn't solely Britain who fought in the war. Children will then learn about the people who fought in the war, understanding that Britain needed the support of the colonies and laws like conscription to build its army.



Mathematics

Firstly, we will be beginning our unit on Ratio. This will cover the following:

- Step 1 Add or multiply?
- Step 2 Use ratio language
- Step 3 Introduction to the ratio symbol
- Step 4 Ratio and fractions
- Step 5 Scale drawing
- Step 6 Use scale factors
- Step 7 Similar shapes
- Step 8 Ratio problems
- Step 9 Proportion problems
- Step 10 Recipes

After completing Ratio, we will be diving in to fractions, decimals and percentages: a key skill for the children.

English

In English this term, we will be writing non-chronological reports. These will be based on a book called 'Deadly Peril' by T. Turner, which presents children with a range of perilous situations and how they can be avoided. Children will get to choose the subject of the peril themselves, and we are incredibly excited as to what they will produce. As part of this, we will be focusing on the following features:

- Commas
- Expanded noun phrases
- Prepositional phrases
- Subordinating conjunctions
- Fronted adverbials
- Apostrophes to show possession
- Apostrophes to show contraction
- Paragraphs
- Simple and multi-clause sentences
- Modal verbs
- Relative clauses
- Parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas)
- Cohesive devices

After this, we will then be switching back to narrative writing using the book Windrush Generation by Benjamin Zephaniah. A synopsis of this can be found below:

Leonard is shocked when he arrives with his mother in the port of Southampton. His father is a stranger to him, it's cold and even the Jamaican food doesn't taste the same as it did back home in Maroon Town.



PSHE

This half-term we will continue to dive deeper into the subject of PSHE, with a particular focus on 'Health'. The units will cover the following objectives:

- Know how to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss, or unexplained changes to the body.
- Self-assess, understanding how this will help their future actions.
- Take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others and be able to seek help in an emergency.
- To know the facts and science relating to immunisation and vaccination.
- Listen to and show consideration for other people's views.

Parent's Information

If you want to support your child's learning at home, here are a few ideas you might like to try:

- Listen, read and discuss with your child the book they are reading at the moment. If you want to encourage your child to read more narrative/fiction ask your class teacher for ideas.
- Play times table's games and practice division as well as multiplication facts.
- Use the century, Edshed and Times table Rockstars websites at home - your children should know the log in details!
- Practise your child's spellings with them - they will be bringing them home in their planners at the start of each week.

Science

Living things and their habitats. In this topic, we will be looking into:

YR6 Science 009 – Variety of Living Things

YR6 Science 010 – Classify Living Things

YR6 Science 011 – Classification of Living Things by Scientists

YR6 Science 012 – Carl Linnaeus *COMING SOON*

YR6 Science 013 – Fungi

YR6 Science 014 – Classification Systems in Local Environments

YR6 Science 015 – Making Classification Keys

Upcoming dates for your diary

Martin Luther King day 15.1.24

NSPCC Number Day 2.2.24

Children's Mental Health Week 5h-11th February

Last day of term: 9.2.24

PE

Our PE unit for this term will be delivered on a Tuesday afternoon by Miss Hanrahan and Miss Hollingworth.

Homework

Just a reminder of homework allocation for this academic year. All homework will be marked as a class whereby misconceptions will be addressed.

Monday – Arithmetic practice paper due the following Monday. Wednesday – pages for the SPAG CGP book due the following Wednesday.

Friday – pages from the reasoning CGP book due the following Friday.

New spellings to be given out on weekly to be learnt for testing the following week.



**KEEP
CALM**

AND

**DO YOUR
HOMEWORK**

Spanish & ICT

Spanish and ICT will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday and taught by the company 'Junior Jam'.