

EAST SHEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR SIX CURRICULUM BULLETIN SPRING TERM



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a good holiday and enjoyed much time with family and friends. May we take this opportunity to thank you for our Christmas messages and gifts – they were extremely generous and very much appreciated.

This is the parent information bulletin for the Spring Term 2022. In this bulletin, we aim to supply you with more detailed information concerning the work being covered by your children in the coming months.

English

The children will continue to read and analyse a variety of texts, including newspaper articles, letters and classic fiction. Much of our work will focus on the skills needed for different forms of writing and the children will be critically analysing their own writing and assessing it according to given criteria, including the use of more complex grammar and punctuation. They will focus on the skills required in answering questions about texts, in preparation for the SATs. The assessment criteria for writing can be found [here](#).

The children will continue to be given spellings at the beginning of each half-term and will be tested in their groups – they will find out which day they will be tested on in the first week back. The spelling sheet is also available on our Year 6 page on the school website. It is really important that children are still learning their spellings weekly. They will also have time within the school week to practise. In preparation for the spelling, punctuation and grammar SATs test, further emphasis will be placed on understanding of grammar and punctuation during lessons.

The children are expected to read at home daily during the week and should record this in their Reading Record book.

Mathematics

The children will continue to develop their mathematical skills during lessons. The work this term will focus on the different areas of maths: geometry - properties of shape, including angles; measurement - area of parallelograms, triangles and volume; algebra - number sequences; statistics - line graphs and averages; ratio and proportion; number - fractions, decimals and percentages; written and mental calculations covering the four basic operations and problem solving. There will also be revision and tests in preparation for SATs. Weekly homework will continue to be set on Fridays and will be due in on Thursdays. We also encourage the children to practise their basic number facts regularly.

Science

First, we will study our topic of 'Electricity' in which we will study circuits, draw circuit diagrams, consider what affects the brightness of bulbs or the volume of buzzers and how different components function.

In the second half of term, our topic is 'Animals Including Humans' in which we will consider how humans stay healthy with the correct diet and exercise and look at the circulatory system in more detail. We will also consider the effects of some drugs on the body.

Computing

Through the year, we constantly refresh our knowledge and skills in e-safety. We will learn how to navigate the internet in an informed, safe and respectful way.

Unit 5 Data Handling: Big Data 2 Before half-term, children will explore data usage and smart schools.

Unit 6 Inventing A Product After half-term, children will learn how to design a product. Children will evaluate, adapt and debug code to make it suitable and efficient for their needs; use a software program to design their products; and create their own websites and video adverts to promote their inventions.

History/Geography: The Victorians

The children will be looking at a significant turning point in British history, namely the Industrial Revolution and the first railways. They will use primary and secondary sources to study the social and environmental impact of these major changes during the Victorian era such as city growth, child labour, home life, education, public health, trade and the Empire, transport and inventions. They will also be completing a case study of Queen Victoria and they will be exploring the geography of The British Empire.

RE/PSHE

We will further our understanding of the Jewish faith in RE with a focus on festivals and celebrations. In PSHE, we discuss key themes such as celebrating difference, values in sport, relationships and being a responsible global citizen. Linked with this, all children in Year 6 will take part in the annual Junior Citizen Project at Holly Lodge in Richmond Park on **Monday 7th March**.

Art & Design

The children will be learning about the work of William Morris. They will have the opportunity to observe and discuss a range of his pattern and design work. Their own artwork will be based on this theme. They will also examine the role of symmetry in art and look at still life drawing through the study of Patrick Caulfield. The children will develop their design and evaluation skills by designing a healthy sandwich.

PE and Games

Pupils will continue to follow the sports programme taught by NSSport. They will also complete their modules on invasion games and gymnastics.

Music

This term, children will continue to be taught music by specialist teacher, Miss Imogen Ridge. As well as weekly singing assemblies, when restrictions allow, and regular singing in class, children will listen to, perform and explore a wide range of music. In year 6 this term, the children will be exploring sound sources, lyrics and melody.

French

This term Year 6 will learn to talk about their daily routine, times about their daily routine and what they have for breakfast. They will be given the opportunity to write

to their French penpals about the details of a typical day. The children will continue to practise all 4 skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing) and will be working towards their Silver Lingua Badge Award. They'll also learn about how Easter is celebrated in France.

Thinking Schools

We continue to use our Thinking School tools (maps, hats and habits of mind) to support children's learning across the curriculum and in Year 6, the children often draw on these tools independently.

SATs

Please note that the children will be sitting their SATs tests in the week beginning **9th May** of the summer term. It is very important that all pupils are in attendance for these tests.

Much of the work undertaken between now and then will be focused on preparing for the tests and therefore full attendance and punctuality are of paramount importance. We shall be reminding the children of the need to be well rested and therefore able to give the work we do the necessary focus and effort, but we would also appreciate your help in encouraging them with this.

We hope you have found this information useful but do not hesitate to see us with any further questions you may have.

With best wishes,

Year 6 team