

Spanish

In each weekly 45 minute lesson, the children will be exposed to the Spanish language through reading, writing, speaking and listening. There will be lots of opportunities to learn the grammar, pronunciation, keywords and phrases of this widely spoken language. The topic in the first term will be Periods of Time. They will learn -days of the week, months, seasons, the language of celebrations and festivals.

Welcome to Year 6.

This is your last year in Panshanger Primary School, try to make it your best. To get the most out of this time make sure you are independent and help yourself e.g. always listen / try your best / have a great attitude to school and to all of your work.

Science

Light will be our initial topic. Lots of practical work investigating: how light travels / reflections / length of shadows / refraction / the colour spectrum etc. We will find out about the work of Sir Isaac Newton and Thomas Edison. Our next topic will be electricity - we will create circuits and practise drawing them using the correct symbols.

English

- Work linked to the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes.
- Reading individually and in small groups
- Spelling work including words to go home to be tested the week after. Handwriting - reminder of basic letter formation and joins
- Grammar work e.g. modal verbs / imperatives / use of different sentence structures etc.

Music

Re-establishing the skills of keeping the beat, playing together and playing individually

Art

Work on how to create texture using different types of line, tone and movement when drawing. We will also create tone and character to show the effects of light on objects from different perspectives.

PE

Athletics and fitness work. Considering different running techniques over short and long distances. We will be practising throwing and jumping skills. The children will continue to develop their overall fitness levels taking part in the whole school 'daily mile'. Year 6 will have PE on Monday and Tuesday although the children need to have their PE kit in school all week as the lessons might change.

Maths

- Daily lessons including one main session and one or two short fluency sessions.
- Number and place value is the core of all maths learning but a range of other topics will also be covered - work on shape, angles, time, handling data and measures.
- The children will be encouraged and taught to explain their decisions, methods and results in different ways using mathematical language and number sentences

Humanities (History, Geography & RE)

A study of Ancient Greece. Compare and contrast the 2 city states of Athens and Sparta, the role of women and the legacy the Greeks have left behind through their architecture, democracy and ways of life. Finding out about the world and how it can influence our lives e.g. volcanoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, flooding etc. Studying the lives and practises of Buddhists, what they believe and how they follow their faith

Computing

Our first topic is based on internet research - how to make the search precise to find the information we want.

PSHE

Lots of work on establishing the school expectations, creating a class charter and thinking about roles and responsibilities.

Yr. 6 SATs take place in the week beginning Monday 10th May 2021.

More information will be shared with parents during a meeting to be held later in the year.

School journey to the Isle of Wight has been provisionally booked. As we hear more information from the Government regarding school visits we will share it with parents and hopefully begin to arrange the day visits.

Reading at home.

The children will still be expected to read regularly at home however at the present time we cannot check the reading records in the normal way. The children will read in school either individually or in a small group and it will be recorded in school on a different record sheet. PLEASE maintain the reading practise at home as it is so important in all aspects of the curriculum.

Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns -

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Year 6 will be set homework - they will have weekly spellings words and reading tasks. There may be additional tasks that could be any subject e.g. a history task / a science investigation / research into a geography topic etc.

A useful web site for general Year 6 support & revision is BBC Bite Size (KS2 / KS3 sections.)

Secondary transfer forms - these need to be completed online by 31st October 2020.

Please check with the individual schools as to how they are organising their Open Days etc.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/important-dates-secondary-school-admissions.aspx>

The children will be set up with an account on 'SAM Learning' which is an internet based revision tool. They will, on occasions, be set homework using this method of learning (please don't worry if there is a problem accessing the internet at home as the school machines can always be used at play / lunch times.) We will explain more about this when the new accounts have been set up