

Maths

Within Year 6 our classes are split across the year group depending on ability. The reason we do this is so that we can focus on ensuring that each child is getting the most appropriate teaching so that they progress. We are currently split into 2 classes for mathematics, however eventually we aim to split the year group 3 ways to allow for smaller classes which means more opportunities for 1 to 1 time with the teacher.

As times tables are key to many aspects of maths, we encourage children to practise these daily. We have now instigated a multiplication challenge which the children are really enjoying.

Homework

Weekly home learning consists of practising times tables daily which are tested throughout the week. It is an expectation of Year 6 that all times tables up to 12 x 12 should be learnt off by heart. Spellings are handed out at the beginning of each week, with a test on Friday. It is extremely important that your child learns their spellings off by heart as well as the spelling rule which is taught within class each day.

Please also ensure that your child is reading every night and their book and reading record is brought into school every day, thus ensuring their book is changed regularly. If you would like your child's book changed more frequently, then please remind them to do so. Don't forget to talk to your child about what they have been learning.

Our Values

Our value this term is 'respect'. The theme of respect is key to a happy, working school. At DSLV, we aim to have mutual respect between both adults and children as well as between children themselves. This term we will be focussing on how we show respect to others through listening to others, even if we may not share their opinion, by caring and looking after the belongings of others and finally recognising that our behaviour has an effect on others.

Key Dates

Friday 2nd December – Movie Night
Friday 9th December – Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 13th December 9.15am – Nursery and Reception Nativity
Thursday 15th December 2pm – Nursery and Reception Nativity
Monday 19th December – Christmas Disco
Tuesday 20th December 9.15am – Year 1-6 Christmas Production

P.E. Days

6AC - Mondays and Thursdays
6CS - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor P.E. kit, which is labelled, in school all week, as sometimes our P.E days will need to be flexible. We will be sending letters home should your child not bring the entire and correct P.E. kit.



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Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We had a great time last term, learning to be exemplary Year 6's and embracing our learning. Last term, the children particularly enjoyed learning and performing their Harvest Festival song and their swimming lessons. We are looking forward to continuing to learn about local geography and map reading and our new topic of the rainforests of South America this term!



P.E

During our P.E. lessons, we will be learning to use our skills of coordination and awareness of others through dance and football.

Science

Could Spiderman really exist?

This term in Science, we will be learning about living things & their habitats. We will be describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on their similarities and differences. The children will also be finding reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Art

This year we are incredibly lucky to be able to go to the secondary Art department one afternoon a week. Within these sessions we will be learning about different artistic techniques. Each week 2 students from each class are also chosen for displaying fantastic excellent behaviour and are given a success card each to take home.



Topic

Could you survive in the rainforest?

Our topic this term is all about the rainforests of South America. We will be learning about why rainforests should be important to us all and locating different countries in the world, using maps to focus on South America and concentrating on their environmental regions. The children will also be learning about the main features of rainforests, why they are often in the news and what can we do to help? We will also be researching endangered animal that lives in the rainforest, the vital role that the Amazon plays in supporting South American rainforests.

The Rainforests of South America

English

This term of Year 6, we will be continuing to write stories, using *The Lost Happy Endings*, by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray, as our inspiration. Within lessons, we will be focussing on sentence structure and use of effective language.

To aid our reading and comprehension skills, we also have a daily guided reading session where we will continue to focus on inference and prediction. To help your child, you need to make sure that they are reading at home every day. By also asking them questions about what they are reading, such as what they think may happen next or how they think the characters are feeling will also aid your child's progress incredibly.

Religious Education

This term, Year 6 will be discussing different celebrations. We will look at Diwali within Hinduism and Sikhism. The children will be encouraged to link this back to the yearly celebration which they take part in themselves and will discuss the importance of coming together to celebrate as a community.

