

## Year 6 Newsletter Summer Term 2022

Please read this termly newsletter, it is intended to help you to assist your son or daughter with their studies and is an extension of our home-school partnership.

In such a newsletter, we can only provide a brief outline but we hope it will give some idea of the areas that we shall be covering this term. Other information can also be found on our website – [www.heronsgate.org.uk](http://www.heronsgate.org.uk).

### **Year 6 Staff**

Kestrels:	Mr. Dobson
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Falcons:	Miss Robinson
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**CURRICULUM NEWS** – The Year group will be looking at all matters cardio! Crimson, scarlet, burgundy, cherry. Blood flows through our bodies in all its vibrant shades of red. Let's explore our circulation system. Now, surgeons, don't be squeamish as we dissect an animal heart and examine the veins, arteries and chambers up close. They all work hard to move blood around our bodies. William Harvey was fascinated with anatomy, and made groundbreaking discoveries about valves. I wonder what we might uncover? Why do people give blood? Find out how to keep your heart happy with cardiovascular exercise and healthy food. Kickstart a campaign to spread the word about the damage caused to the lungs and heart by smoking. Hearts pound, flutter and maybe skip a beat. What makes your heart race? Is it a secret? Cross my heart, I won't tell...

In Summer 2 term we will be launching our new topic – Tomorrow's World. Text messages, emails, websites, blogs and podcasts. There are so many ways to communicate. Discover the movers and shakers in the world of technology, the people who've shaped the modern world. Perhaps you might be a visionary for the next generation. Build robots and circuits, break codes and investigate gadgets galore. Why not write a thriller narrative in the style of Anthony Horowitz? Let's start today on Tomorrow's World.

**English:** We will be focus on writing a range of different text types, including: narrative, explanations and non-chronological reports, many through the fictional exploits of your favourite time lord – Doctor Who! Our primary focus will continue to be on the content, clarity and cohesion of the writing as opposed to text features. Application of spellings and grammar taught will also be key to children's progression. Continued emphasis will be placed on the importance of editing and improving writing to reach the best possible standard.



**Spellings:** Children will focus on approximately 10 words a week, which will be sent home with the half termly homework project. Whilst we will practice these through our 'Fast Learning' sessions of which there are four per week, it would be highly beneficial for children to practice these at home too. Some children will have personalized spellings for their needs.

**Guided Reading:** Guided reading will change considerably in this term as we have come to the end of our SAT Buster books of which each child had previously been issued with 3 - fiction, non-fiction and poetry. These have proved hugely beneficial. This term we will be looking at 'Project X', which is a dedicated scheme the school has used previously to develop reading and comprehension skills.

**Maths:** In Year 6, much of the maths lessons are geared towards revising the essential skills and processes they will have been taught in previous year groups. Children will be challenged with reasoning questions which encourage them to apply their skills and knowledge to real world situations. Children will also be taught how to approach SATS style questions effectively.

**IT:** Throughout this term, all children will undertake a number of computer coding activity sessions. This will help in their understanding of how and why computers work.

**PE:** Children will have two sessions per week. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum for all children; they should come equipped for lessons both indoors and out. A change of footwear would be beneficial.

**Homework:** Half termly projects linked to the topic will continue to be set, with a choice of different styles of presentation for children to choose from. They only need to complete one task. **It must be completed to the normal high standard expected of in class and handed in by the allocated date.** Both the deadline and standard are important in preparing the children for the expectations of secondary school and working life. All homework projects will have 5 Marvelous Me points awarded for effort, content and presentation. In addition, a weekly Maths activity will be sent home on Mondays and will be due in by Friday of the same week. This will be alternated with the use of My Maths - a new app the school has signed up to. In Year 6, children will also be given a weekly SPAG activity to complete. This will also be marked with the class teacher during one of the two weekly SPAG sessions. Maths and SPAG homework will be rewarded with 1 MME point. Our Spanish teacher, Miss Kempton, will provide the children with their Spanish homework every week and will make it clear when this is due back into school.

**History:** During Summer 2 term, the children will be looking at the technological developments that have led to the birth of the information technology age that we live in today. The origins of computing can be traced back 2000 years to the Antikythera mechanism. Other significant developments include the calculating machines of the mid 1600s and Jacquard's Loom in 1801, plus the work of Alan Turing, Bill Gates and Steve Jobs.

**Notebooks:** To help prepare the children for secondary school, the use of notebooks within Year 6 is permitted and encouraged. These books can be used to record important information relayed by their teacher, to note down messages for home, changes in timetabling and as a method for remembering that odd little snippet of information. A small A6 or A5 notebook/pad purchased from a stationery store is sufficient. These books are not provided by school and so are not mandatory.

**SATs:** will take place from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019, tests start at 9am. Please ensure your children arrives promptly for the start of the day.

**Year 6 Production – A Lad in Trouble:** All Year 6 children will have the opportunity to audition for different size parts. There will be an opportunity for all to be involved. Further dates and times will be sent out via parentmail.

### **Trips and Activities:**

**20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Frontier Centre Irthlingborough.

Some of the year group will embark on a 3 day/2night residential trip offers fantastic surroundings for pupils to take their Charity and economic Wellbeing learning to a different dimension as well as enjoy the Adventure Playground. They also get exciting opportunities to challenge themselves and build team work skills through activities such as Raft Building and High Ropes (under trained supervision). Further information will be sent out via parent mail.

### **How can you support your child at home?**

- Hear your child read or discuss what they are reading
- Encourage them to practice their weekly spellings, use SPAG.com, TTRockstars and SUMDOG as we set challenges on these forums as well
- Encourage them to use their mental maths to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers in everyday life, for example: 'there are 7 weeks left of term – how many days at school is that?'
- Ensure your child is confident at telling the time. If they are, can they calculate with time - 'how long until...?'
- Support them with their homework projects – we don't mind if it is a team effort.

