

Literacy

Our class book is Holes by Louis Sachar. Much of our literacy work will be based on themes from this brilliant short novel. Year 6 will be developing their language use and will be thinking carefully about **how to deliberately make their writing appeal to the reader.**

Over the term Dolphins class will be learning to write in a variety of genres starting with the narrative theme of descriptive writing. Some genres include myths, persuasive writing and formal letter writing.

Your child will be allowed to take home books from our book corner on a regular basis. Please ensure these are returned to school before they take out a new book.

IPC

This Autumn our IPC topic will be 'The Great, The Bold and the Brave' which focuses on Ancient Greek and Roman times. For our entry point, we will become classical architects, building Greek and Roman monuments, thinking about what these buildings are used for. We will continue this unit of work by researching Ancient Greek city states, in particular, Athens and Sparta. Year 6 will learn how varying historical sources have altered the way we view history with a focus on the Persian wars. In class we will read a selection of Greek myths and learn about Greek theatre and how the Greek gods heavily influenced the arts. We will make our own Greek theatre masks and plan and write our own myths, ready to perform using our masks. We will look at Roman housing and the differences between rich and poor Romans. Alongside this we will consider the many contributing factors that led to the fall of the Roman Empire, asking- which factor was the most important?

PE

Throughout the first half term Dolphins will be swimming at Latchmere every Wednesday afternoon. The children will practice front and back crawl and will be developing their technique to enable them to swim longer distances. The children will return to school at 3.40 on Wednesdays. On Mondays, before lunch, the children will have PE with Mr Patterson.

Maths

This term we will focus on building on our knowledge of multiplying and dividing whole numbers, including decimal numbers, by 10, 100 and 1000. **We will be challenged by applying this knowledge to percentages and real life problems.** We will spend time consolidating our understanding of fractions, how we simplify fractions, order them and add and subtract them. As well as learning about 2d and 3d shape we will be understanding the properties of numbers. Throughout the term year 6 will be developing their written methods for calculating multiplication, division, addition and subtraction problems.

Reminders for the term: Homework due in every Wednesday.

Important dates:

Tuesday 13th September: Parents meeting at 4.15 and 5.45

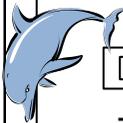
Thursday 13th October: Harvest festival at 2pm

14th November- Anti-bullying week

Apply for secondary schools: Monday 31st October- Deadline for submitting online applications (midnight). Deadline for returning application forms to Wandsworth Council (or to your local council if you do not live in Wandsworth). Deadline for submitting supplementary information forms where relevant. You are strongly recommended to submit your application by Friday 21st October 2016. This is the Friday before the half-term holiday.

Autumn term 2016

Curriculum guide for pupils
and parents



Dolphins Class

TOPIC: The Great, The Bold and The
Brave (Ancient Greeks and Romans)

Science

We will be covering three short units of study this term. During our topic of Interdependence and Adaptation the children will enjoy learning about classification keys, plants and food chains. Our second unit will be focusing on Micro Organisms. This fascinating unit teaches the children about the crucial role of bacteria. We will learn the differences between viruses and bacteria. Our final unit covered this term is Forces in Action. This builds on the children's current knowledge learnt in year 5. We will revise the names of the forces and relate this to the different forces in action; in the air as well as in the water. Throughout the term we will be conducting a variety of investigations. It is amazing learning about how real scientists acquire new knowledge and test their hypothesis. This is what we aim to do in the classroom!

PHSCE

In SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) Dolphins class will be focusing on 'New Beginnings'. This topic helps us to realise the difficulties and triumphs we may experience when journeying into new chapters. We will talk about how we can best deal with change and think about the positives that come with new beginnings. Next half term our SEAL topic will be 'Getting on and Falling out'. We will talk about our differences and understand how individuality can be the cause of celebration and conflict.

ICT

In ICT we will be learning about spreadsheets. Year 6 will create interactive worksheets and learn how to **enter formula to help calculate complicated problems quickly and efficiently.** Next half term we will be starting our class blog. You will be able to view online what we are doing in class and comment on our work. Look out for our blog address in future editions of the Shaftesbury Update.

Trips

RE

To start the term Dolphins will focus on religion and the individual, family and community. We will look at the key features of worship and what worship means to a believer. They will explore the ways different faith groups use prayer as part of their worship. In Autumn 2 we will look at beliefs and teaching with a focus on Islam and how the Qur'an is used in day to day life and at the mosque.