

Heathland School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6

Term : Spring

English : In English this term, we will be learning how to write across a range of fiction and non-fiction genres, including discussion texts, non-chronological reports, descriptive writing, newspaper reports and narratives. We will also be explicitly teaching spellings during our English lessons that children will be expected to practise at home. We will be looking at a range grammatical concepts and punctuation:

- Complex sentences
- Direct/reported speech
- Semi-colons and colons
- Relative clauses
- Formality
- Brackets for parenthesis

Maths :

In Spring 1, we will be consolidating our learning of the four operations with a particular emphasis on multiplication and division, including their application to area. All children will also learn important problem solving skills, including looking for key vocabulary, when using these operations. As the half term progresses, children will be learning about fractions including how to use the four operations with fractions.

In Spring 2, we will be consolidating our fractions learning as well as learning about the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will also be learning about ratio and proportion this half term.

All of our Maths lessons follow the 'Learn, Apply, Reason' structure which ensures that children are able to practise the concepts they have been taught, apply them to new contexts and discuss their understanding. To help support your children at home, encourage them to continue to practise the concepts learned in class as well as their times tables and corresponding division facts.

Topic

Spring: How do living things adapt to survive?

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Our Topic for the Spring Term is '**How do living things adapt to survive?**'.

This will involve children using their geography and science skills to learn about how biomes around the world differ from one another in order to support key vegetation and wildlife, and how different animal species have adapted as their environments change over time. They will also be learning about the animal kingdom and how species are classified according to their characteristics, microorganisms and the concept of evolution. In addition, children will learn about landscape art by the Canadian artists 'Group of Seven' and have an opportunity to experiment with drawing and painting techniques. As part of our topic learning, we will be visiting Whipsnade Zoo on Friday 10th February and we will be taking part in a workshop about animal adaptations and evolution.

PE/PSHE and Mind Up :

This term in Year 6, we will be continuing with our Mind Up learning. Children will be consolidating their learning about the brain and how it works to help us manage emotions, maintain focus and remember key information, as well as how we can be more mindful in our daily lives. We will also be continuing with our Jigsaw PSHE learning. The unit for Spring 1 is called 'Dreams and Goals' and it will focus on developing both personal and shared goals. The unit for Spring 2 is called 'Healthy Me' which focuses on taking care of their physical and emotional health and wellbeing. This also links with our 'Choices' workshop in which children will be learning about the effect of drugs on the body, making responsible choices as they grow up and responding to peer pressure. In PE this term, children will have the opportunity to practise a wide range of skills within striking and fielding.



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Noticeboard

Reminders

PE kits should include:

- White shirt
- Black or navy bottoms
- Black trainers or plimsoles

School uniform should include:

- White collared shirt
 - Navy jumper
 - Black bottoms
 - Year 6 tie
- Black shoes or plimsoles

Please ensure that your child's items are labelled in case they become lost in school.

Key Dates this Term

Year 6 Choices Workshop 1st February 2023
Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting 2nd February 2023
(evening)

Year 6 Whipsnade Zoo Trip 10th February 2023

February Half Term 14th - 17th 2023

SATs Boosters start after February Half Term

STEAM Week w/c 20th March

Last Day of Term 31st March 2023
(2pm finish)

Children's First Day Back 17th April 2023