

KEW RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2013

Dear Lion Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Lion Class !



Welcome back and welcome to Lion Class, our fun-filled and focused final year at Kew Riverside! The Lions have already started as they mean to go on. Full of a great 'can-do' attitude, focus and a buzz of excitement of what is to come. Long may it continue ☺



Our next topic is: **British Monarchs**

This will be a very interesting history topic that will extend the pupils' knowledge of the British Monarchs beyond 1066. We will address and devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity, difference and significance through case studies and research. We have a range of curriculum activities planned for the topic which will include a trip to the Tower of London in London.

Maths: Calculating, using and applying and handling data will form the main elements of our maths lessons this term. Children will continue to build upon their progress in year 5, looking at multiples, properties of number and frequency and bar graphs. *Mathletics* online will continue to be a regular feature in some class sessions and a home learning activity. Later on in the term we will be investigating metric and imperial measures and conversions. We will be using a 360 protractor and looking at interior/exterior angles. We will also be perfecting our mental maths techniques and working with fractions- comparing, ordering, mixed number conversion and adding/subtracting fractions as an extension. Solving word problems in groups and independently will also remain a key skill focus throughout. Knowing all of the times tables up to 12 x is a requirement by the end of Key Stage 2, so this will feature regularly in class and home learning. If you would like to discuss how to support your child in maths, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me, including support with using our methods.

English: This term our English topic will be based around the text "Good Night Mr Tom". The main outcome will be an extended piece of narrative writing in a diary format which contrasts the different feelings of the main characters Tom and Willy, at two different points in the story. We will also be writing our own newspaper articles relating to World War 2. We will be exploring the world of Charles Dickens in late November and will be studying one of his most famous texts "A Christmas Carol", as well as analysing classic Dickensian language, we will also produce biographies detailing the life of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Science: Our first topic will be Micro-organisms. In this short topic we will be using secondary sources to find out about a famous scientist, observing the decay of vegetable matter and carrying out investigative activities about yeast. We will then start our Interdependence and Adaptation topic. We will be learning about photosynthesis and how to identify organisms using branching databases and keys. We will also be learning about the interdependence of organisms within a habitat and how they are adapted to their environment.

Computing: Michael will be teaching our computer sessions in Lions Class where they will be evaluating and designing their own computer apps.

PSHE/SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning): Our SEAL focus this half term is called 'New Beginnings'. This is based on helping children know themselves and understand their feelings. During circle time we will be exploring feelings and thinking about important relationships such as family and friends.

RSE: This term in RSE we will be considering puberty and reproduction. We will explore how bodies change in preparation for reproduction and the pupils will consider reproduction in the context of different relationships.

French: In French our topic for the first half term will be greetings and 'all about me'. Year 6 will build conversations by asking and replying to questions such as 'what's your name, how old are you and where do you live?' Across the whole term Year 6 will also focus on saying and writing numbers 1-20. After half term our topic will be class room routines and will focus on key classroom instructions and vocabulary, the alphabet as well as colours and preferences. The term will finish with French Christmas activities.

Music: This term, the children will be learning rhythm and composition exploring rounds and sources. Later in the term we will also explore lyrics, melody and pulse.

RE: This half term we will be learning about what Hindu religion teaches their children about God. We will be identifying religious symbolism as expressed through literature, the arts and that personal experiences and feelings can influence attitudes and actions.

PE/Games: This term the children will be playing a range of invasion games. Both P.E sessions will be run by Motive8 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please remind your child to bring a kit in on Monday and take it home on Friday. Please remember no PE kits are to be worn into school anymore.

Art: This term, will be focusing on drawing and collage studying the work of Gustav Klimt and Pablo Picasso. We will be using mark making tools and experimenting with multi-media to produce 3D collages.

Headteacher's Award: This valuable award will continue to feature in our class timetable, however children will be encouraged to become more independent in their completion of the award. This will mean working regularly in their own time and using their own initiative to complete the objectives by the deadline for submission.

Options: Continues to be on Friday afternoons from 2.00pm – 3.00pm starting on Friday 12th September. If your child has a PE option, forest school option, they will need to bring their PE kit or suitable clothing.

Home learning: Home learning is handed out every **Thursday** and given in every **Tuesday**. If children do not complete their work at home they will be asked to do it during lunch time. Late/ absent home work needs to be accompanied by a letter from home please.

Request: We would like to display some words about the topic in a variety of languages so, if anyone could translate our topic vocabulary, please come and see me.

Question Time: If you have any questions or queries then please come and talk to us at the end of the day as we can have a proper conversation with you at this time. I will be available to meet after school on Wednesdays. Alternatively you can make an appointment to see me.

Dates for the diary:

19 th September	-	Jeans for Genes day
19 th September	-	PTA meeting – 9.00 – 10.00am (at school)
18 th September	-	Library visit
23 rd September	-	Secondary school talk – 6.00pm
23 rd September	-	Meet the teacher – 7.00pm
24 th September	-	Trip – Tower of London
2 nd October	-	PTA AGM – 19.00 – 21.00 (at school)
16 th October	-	PTA Social – 19.00 – 22.00 (at school)
20 th – 24 th October	-	Art Week
24 th October	-	Last day of half term (normal time)
Half Term	-	27th - 31st October
3 rd November	-	Inset Day
4 th November	-	Children back to school
6 th November	-	Library visit
18 th & 20 th Nov	-	Parents consultations
5 th December	-	Kew Sparkle (Kew village)
11 th December	-	Key Stage 2 – Richmond Theatre
12 th December	-	PTA Christmas Fair (at school)
18 th December	-	Christmas Lunch
19 th December	-	Last day of term (normal time)

