

Primary 7/6



Health and Wellbeing:

Primary 7/6 worked together to revise the rights of the child and create our Class Charter, for which they selected a minion theme. This contains agreed actions for both the children as 'Rights Holders,' and the adults as 'Duty Bearers,' to ensure that our classroom remains a Rights-Respecting space that promotes our values of *Faith, Compassion, Ambition* and *Respect*.

Our HWB lessons will be done using a new resource called Treehouse. They will cover a variety of themes, allowing children opportunities to develop their resilience and widen their perspective.

Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursday. Our first focus will be basketball, where we will develop the key skills of passing, dribbling, shooting and tackling, as well as our tactical movement.

Mathematics:

This term, we will reinforce our understanding of both whole number and decimal place value. Following this, we will learn to round numbers to a given place. Pupils will also explore coordinates, symmetry and *BODMAS*. An ongoing focus will be the application of the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) to solve multi-step word problems.

Homework will be given out weekly, and your ongoing support with completion of this is greatly appreciated. Children should access Sumdog regularly to revise concepts and to increase their mental maths agility. Focus on times tables!

<u>Interdisciplinary Learning:</u>

Primary 7/6 have chosen four topics for their year: The Galapagos Islands, Natural Disasters, War & Conflict and Ancient Egypt.

This term, we will study The Galapagos
Islands, which will be a rich context through
which to explore the natural world and a
variety of science outcomes. The pupils will
lead their own learning by selecting a
Galapagos creature upon which to prepare a
short group presentation. Through this, they
will apply and develop their teamwork skills,
their creativity and their digital literacy.

<u>Literacy:</u>

Children will develop their reading skills through tasks related to various fiction texts such as PM levelled books, short stories, imaginative poems, as well as topic-related non-fiction texts.

This term, one of our PM Writing focuses will be 'Explanation' writing, allowing us to apply our writing skills within engaging cross-curricular contexts. We will also write an imaginative topic-based 'Recount' text, and each child will prepare a persuasive 'Exposition' text on 'House Captains.'

Spelling will continue to be taken from the 'Single Word Spelling Test' lists. We will be using a range of active spelling strategies to practise these words, and will be learning to identify the patterns that help us decode and spell unfamiliar/tricky words. There will be weekly homework.

Science:

Our Galapagos Islands topic is heavily science-focused, allowing us to explore not only inheritance and adaptation, but also food chains and food webs and topical science related to the natural world, sustainability and climate change.

Religious Education:

P7/6 will explore the story of Creation and our responsibility to care for the earth (Genesis 1:26 – 1:31). We will also study parables from the Gospels of Matthew and John (P6) and Luke (P7) to learn how Jesus helped others and encourages us to live by his example. In September, we will celebrate Our Lady's birthday. Our class will also have the privilege of leading our Harvest Mass in October.

