



Year Six News

Mayhill Junior School, The Bury, Odiham, RG29 1NB

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Enterprise continued: What's the risk of not changing?

We continue with our Enterprise project this half term and most importantly in week two of the half term, the baking commences. The children will bake twice with the first being a 'test run' in order to correct any issues with their recipe before the final bake off. **The date for our Artisan Bread Festival is Wednesday 22nd November. The bake off will run between 2:15pm and 2:45pm and parents are welcome to join us to have a look at the children's stalls and taste their bread.** A range of curriculum subjects are covered by our enterprise sessions. The children will bake (DT) design logos (art and design & computing) and make prototype packaging (DT) that fit with their company's ethos. All basic recipe ingredients will be provided from the money sent in earlier in the term- many thanks for this.

English

In our next learning journey, we will be jumping in to a world of chilly, winter poetry. Using our understanding of expanded noun phrases and descriptive vocabulary, our task is to immerse the reader into the spectacles of a wintery wonderland. We will challenge our understanding of figurative language devices, synonyms and antonyms to find the perfect vocabulary to create detailed imagery in the readers' mind.



We will then dive into the world of Narnia as we write setting descriptions to take the reader 'through the wardrobe'.

Maths

The half term starts with more multiplication and division: looking at multiples, factors and primes before moving onto look at fractions. This is a long unit that will see us work up until Christmas as we study simplifying fractions, comparing and ordering and applying all four calculation strategies to a fractions context. We will also look at geometry and shape in this half term and will link lots of our 'Christmas' celebrations in the last few weeks of term to geometry. As always, please encourage your children to be practising regularly on Times Tables Rock Stars as any extra times tables practice they can engage in will support their fluency in a range of other mathematical contexts.

PE

This half term we will be learning the key skills of playing a game of **Hockey (Tuesdays)** where the planning for these lessons utilises tennis ball and appropriate activities that reduce the risks of injury, and do not require shin pads or gum shields. We are also learning **OAA (Outdoor Adventure Activities) (Mondays)** where children are challenged to work collaboratively to improve communication and critical thinking skills

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that are required for all sports. Please can we ask you to help your child to remember their PE kits every week - these should be left in school during the half term and only sent home if they require washing.

RE

This half term we are looking at Christianity due to the festive time of year, specifically Christmas and how this is celebrated within other cultures in other parts of the world. Children will develop a good understanding of Christian birth narratives.



Homework –

Our homework books are helping our year 6s to show increased independence and organisation skills in preparation for the move to secondary school. Please can we remind you to mark the workouts before they are returned to school every Monday. Please ensure that weekly spellings, times tables rock stars and reading is also adhered to on top of any other homework.

How you can help your child:

There are some fantastic websites that help children to either revise main concepts or to speed up their maths mental recall. Why not try these for starters: *Shape*: [CLICK LINK](#)

Fractions: [CLICK LINK](#)

Please could you support your child to tell the time using a digital and analogue clock as this is a vital skill that children should have mastered by the end of lower school and we notice children struggle with if they do not tell the time throughout their daily life. [CLICK LINK](#)

Reading:

Research tells us that children should still read **with** an adult on challenging but enjoyable texts every week. Year 6 have been sent home with a reading record book with spaces to sign each time they read at home. We would like your child to read at least four times a week and to have this recorded in their reading diary with an adult signing the diary at least once a week.

We also ask that, if you are able to, to ask your child questions about the text they are reading, to ensure that they understand what has been written. This will enable your child to further develop their comprehension skills, which are vitally important in helping to understand and decode the world around us.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do please speak to us at pick in the afternoon, or give the office a ring and arrange an appointment to come in and speak with us.

Kind regards,

The Year Six team
Mrs McLaughlin & Miss Argent

Diary Dates

November

8th Test Bake

10th History Day (Dress up is encouraged)

22nd Artisan bread festival- PARENTS

INVITED 2.15pm- 2.45pm

27th- 1st Stubbington Residential

December

7th/ 8th Secrets Room

13th Rocksteady Concert 2pm

14th - Christmas lunch, Jumper day and Carol service at church (No parents)

15th - End of term awards assembly 9am

January

2nd INSET

3rd Back to school