



Bracken hill Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6 – Rowan and Sequoia

Theme this half term: In Your Element....

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy new year and welcome back to the Spring term of Year 6. Last term we looked at the history of our own locality and how it has changed over time. We learned lots of facts and produced our own guided tour booklets. We have also looked at living things, classification, adaptation and evolution in our Science lessons. We have also read Journey to Jo'burg which explored the laws of Apartheid which existed in South Africa.

This half term we will continue to learn about the civil rights movement before moving onto our Geography focus unit. We will be learning about the 4 elements of earth, fire, water and wind. We will be investigating weather systems linked to each of these, where they occur in and the effect they have the world.

What will we be learning about and how can you help your child?

English: Biographies linked to Nelson Mandela. You can help your child by reading and looking at biographies with them, discussing what facts are included and where to find relevant information.

Maths: Decimals and percentages: You can help your child by discussing the links between fractions, decimals and percentages. Use the key facts booklets to consolidate their knowledge of decimals, fractions and percentages. Noticing decimals and percentages when they go shopping, e.g. price of items, sales etc.

Geography: Natural phenomenon: You can help your child by watching documentaries linked to volcanoes, earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis. Investigate the different types of rocks, minerals and soils they may have in their garden/local park.

History: You can help your child by talking about fairness, equality and prejudice. You may also want to explore the impact of the Civil Rights movement by researching about Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.

Music – Listen to music by Black musicians such as Marvin Gay, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin or Beyonce.

Art – Go on walks around the local area and see if you can spot any fascinating sculptures and statues.

As the term progresses, we would like to kindly remind you of the importance of reading at home with your child. The effect of reading just 20 minutes a day with your child has an astonishing effect on your child's reading. Don't forget, children have the opportunity to read a range of exciting books on: <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>. Look out for any homework projects or reading bundles we may set you for homework.

Please also work with your child on their spelling (see below) and practise all their times tables and related division facts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reminders

PE Days: Sequoia – Wednesday Rowan -Thursday

Times tables to practise at home: All times tables up to 12 x 12 plus 13, 14, 15

Reading: Please can you ensure that your child is reading regularly at home. They should be aiming to finish at least 1 book a week so they can take an accelerated reader quiz in school. Parents can check their child's progress by logging on to the Home Connect link that was given out at parent's evening. If you're not sure about this please come and speak to us.

Dimensions Task:

Write a biography about someone who inspires you. This can be somebody famous or somebody you know personally. Research key facts them and their life. Present your work in an interesting way.

Find out about a natural phenomenon that you are interested in such as earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes or hurricanes. Create a fact file/information page/PowerPoint to showcase your work.

Spellings for the half term

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
university	distraction	weaken	cleverness	fatality	weather
union	retraction	soften	truthfulness	elasticity	whether
binoculars	unstructured	classify	awareness	insanity	break
binary	infrastructure	dignify	politeness	agility	brake
tricycle	exporting	dedicate	cleanliness	credibility	accept
trio	transportation	captivate	loneliness	durability	except

Word of the Week:

Ask your child what their word of the week is. What does it mean? Help them use it in a sentence.