

Skyswood Primary & Nursery School

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Dear parents / carers,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and that the children are looking forward to the upcoming year. This year there have been a few changes within the classroom. As Mrs Morrish takes up her new role in year 4, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Lupin to the year 6 team.

This term our Geography and History topics will be Mountains and World War II respectively. We will start with looking at tectonic plates and how mountains form. During the second half of the term, we will be examining and discussing the reasons why WW2 started and the various turning points during it, including a focus on the Battle of Britain. We are hoping to book a trip to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford before the end of the term.

In English, we will be starting with story-writing, with a focus on creating atmosphere using descriptive language and using the book 'The Night of the Gargoyles' as a stimulus. We will then continue to follow the Herts for Learning scheme. In addition to this, we will also be reading Coraline together.

The spelling scheme will continue as before, with the children generating their own spellings on a Monday and being tested on the Friday of that week. Please support your child to practise their spellings and to read at home regularly.

In Maths, we will be starting with place value and moving on to formal methods in arithmetic. MathsBot (<https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2>) and Times Tables Rock Stars are resources that can be used at home for reinforcing times tables as well as arithmetic strategies, and we would encourage children to sign in regularly to these.

Other areas of study this term will include classification in Science, internet communication and website creation in Computing, 'How did it all Begin?' in R.E., and creating silhouettes in Art.

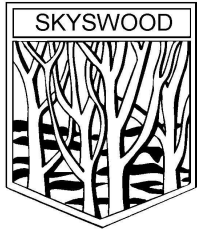
P.E. lessons will take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons. This term we will be playing basketball then moving on to gymnastics/dance.

In French lessons with Mrs. Cheshire, the children will learn about the festival of lights, how to say the alphabet, and how to describe themselves and our school. Mr. Turner will be teaching Music.

Homework will be structured as follows:-

Subject	Day given out	Day children to hand in
Maths	Monday	Wednesday
Grammar	Wednesday	Friday
Comprehension	Friday	Monday





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In Year 6, as part of the transition to secondary school, we expect the children to bring in and be responsible for their own equipment. This includes pencils, pens, colouring pencils, rubber, sharpener and small ruler. We will supply gluesticks, highlighters and 30cm rulers.

During the course of Year 6, we will undertake 'practice SATS' in September, December and March. These serve two purposes - firstly to get the children used to taking the papers in test conditions, and secondly so that we can see where each child needs support. We are aware that past SATS papers can be downloaded from various websites, but would appreciate it if the children could refrain from doing these at home, as, if they have already completed the papers prior to sitting them at school, it won't give us an accurate reflection of their progress. If your child has a tutor who would like them to do a paper, please contact us for advice on which paper to use.

I hope this provides a brief overview of what we have planned for this term. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at jonesg@skyswood.aetrust.uk.

Kind regards,

Mr. Grant Jones and Mrs. Anne Lupin

