



Year 6 Newsletter



Welcome to Term 2

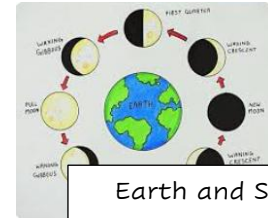
This term, we know that your children will continue to impress us with their kindness, tenacity and great attitude to their learning. It is at this point that we start looking ahead to their SATs and their also continuing journey into Year 7. It is extremely important to all of us that our pupils achieve their own, personal milestones in terms of their learning. To this end, we will continue to encourage them to work hard and show the best of themselves. We know that you will do the same.

Some of our main learning themes this term are a continuation of last term:

Margate during the Victorian Era



The art of William Morris



Earth and Space

In history this term we will be

- ❖ looking at Victorian maps of Margate
- ❖ discovering the popularity of Margate as a Victorian holiday destination
- ❖ thinking about whether this era was a 'golden age' or a 'dark age'
- ❖ role playing a Victorian school day – yikes!

In mathematics this term we will be getting very comfortable with fractions, including

- ❖ finding equivalent fractions including simplifying them
- ❖ using the four operations with fractions
- ❖ finding fractions of amounts and applying this understanding to a range of maths problems

In English this term we will be

- ❖ using as our inspiration the eerie, Victorian novel, 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and My Hyde', we will be writing gripping character and setting descriptions
- ❖ latterly, we will be writing a balanced argument

In science this term we will be

- ❖ understanding why the sun appears to move across the sky
- ❖ learning about the digestive system
- ❖ understanding the importance of a healthy diet and exercise to our bodies

In art this term we will be

- ❖ taking our inspiration from the Victorian artist William Morris
- ❖ eventually printing our own nature-inspired designs

In music this term we will be

- ❖ continuing with our singing skills and seasonal songs

In PSHE this term we will be

- ❖ developing strategies to resolve disputes and conflict through negotiation and appropriate compromise

In French this term we will be

- ❖ learning to recognise and name common classroom items and ask questions about them

In RE this term we will be

- ❖ Considering the questions 'Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?'

Homework & Home Learning Project

PLEASE ensure that your child is reading at home **at least three times a week**. It is imperative that home reading remains a priority for all of our children. Lower levels of reading go hand-in-hand with a decline in comprehension of the written word. For all aspects of school life, and for life beyond education, your child needs to be a proficient reader. Whilst it is fabulous if they can read with a member of the household, reading independently is also extremely beneficial. Just ensure that they write in their reading record when they do. They also need to practise their spellings.

We have also seen excellent results with children that have committed to doing their Century Maths work at home. Please continue to encourage your children to familiarise themselves with our new app – they should be aiming to work on it for at least 30 minutes a week.

There is a choice of two **HOME LEARNING PROJECTS** this term: as part of our history learning, find out what a day out in Margate might have been like in the Victorian era **OR** as part of our science learning, devise a healthy menu that our school kitchen could use to feed everyone! As ever, you can present your project in any way you choose.

Dates for your Diary

PE: All classes will have PE on a Friday. Classes will alternate having PE on a Thursday as well.

Monday 2 nd November	First day of Term 2
Monday 2 nd November	Closing Date for Secondary School Admissions
Thursday 5 th November	Come and See Books Year 6 2.30pm – 3pm
Tuesday 10 th November	6W Parent/Teacher consultations
Wednesday 11 th November	6B/6J/6K Parent/Teacher consultations
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12 th November	All Year 6 Parent/Teacher consultations
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 19 th November	last day for After School Clubs
Thursday 26 th November	Y6 History Visit to Kensington Palace, London
Monday 7 th December	6J & 6W Celebration Assembly for parents and carers
Friday 11 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 4 th January 2027	Start of Term 3

In other exciting news, we have **VICTORIAN SCHOOL MORNING** coming up in Term 2. This is always a lot of fun for the children (and adults!) in Year 6. The teachers will dress up as Victorians and lead some lessons in the style of the era. **We have pencilled VICTORIAN SCHOOL MORNING for Tuesday 1st December and will confirm soon.**

It would be great if the children could get in role by dressing up a little. This does not have to be a bought costume. In the past, we have had street urchins, Queen Victoria, detectives, chimney sweeps and maids (amongst others). You can have fun with this. If all else fails, a pair of trousers or a skirt and a white top does the job!

Please ensure that your child is warm enough. If necessary, they can bring their uniform in a bag to get changed into at lunchtime.

Uniform reminders: **NO** jewellery except studs and watches. **NO** makeup whatsoever.

Please ensure that **all school uniform and personal items are clearly named** before they come into school. When items go missing, it is much easier for us to return them to the right child quickly if they have a name tag or marker inside.

Please also **talk to your child at home about taking responsibility for their items**. Encouraging them to keep track of their jumpers, coats, and water bottles during the school day helps prevent mix-ups and lost items. **Thank you for your co-operation**

Mr Pringle, Phase Leader for Years 5 and 6, is available Monday to Friday, should you need to contact him.

His email is as follows: year6leader@cliftonvilleprimary.co.uk

You will also find him on the gate to the KS2 playground in the car park at the start and end of each day.