



ORCHARDS COMMUNITY Middle School

Year 6 Curriculum outline – Spring 2011

English & languages

- Historical texts **Street Child** - drama, role play, and poetry. Writing in character, different viewpoints.
- Narrative writing - Science fiction stories, writing structure, character and setting description.
- French - Key verbs and pronouns. Describing and talking about themselves and their families.

Maths

- Place value - ordering and rounding numbers. Multiplication and division inc decimals to 2 places
- Decimals, percentages and fractions. Ration and proportion.
- Problem solving - word problems, using calculators. Space and shape.

Science & Technology

- Life processes - micro organisms, life cycles, skeletons and teeth.
- Physical processes - electricity and forces. Investigation skills
- Powerpoint - creating a multi media presentation linked to Victorian history.

History, Geography R.E.

- Rivers - Rivers of the world. , the journey of a river.
- The Victorians - famous Victorians, life for children, industry and inventions. Crime and the Workhouse.
- Easter Celebrations and the importance of Sacred Texts.

Art, Design & Music

- Printing- based on the style of Victorian artist William Morris.
- Reflective clothing- designing, planning and creating an article of reflective clothing.
- All Year 6 children will have weekly specialist saxophone tuition.

P.E. & PHSCE

- Indoor athletics, invasion games inc football, netball and basketball , orienteering and health related fitness.
- Crime and punishment - effects and consequences of crime. Visit from Magistrates in the Community.

Year 6 teachers

Ms Cay (Year Leader), Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Dodson/Mrs McCarthy, Miss McCarthy, Mr Simpson

Key dates

Parent Consultation Day – Monday 14th March
Victorian Creativity Days - Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March
Half term – 21st - 25th February
INSET Day – Friday 8th April
Term finishes Thursday 7th April

Ms Cay says ...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and have settled back into the daily routines.

I have spent the last couple of days reflecting on the successes of the Autumn Term. Some of the highlights.....

- We saw several children taking to the 'Big Black Chair' to compete in Mastermind.
- All of the children took part in Health and Fitness week which educated them in healthy eating and opened their eyes to a vast range of new sports and activities.
- Lots of the children seized the opportunity to take part in Bike Ability. The instructors said that they were the best group of children that they had ever had!
- We launched our first homework project of the year and were thrilled to see such a fantastic range of work based around the rainforest.
- Some children were given the opportunity to visit the Recycling Plant in Ford.
- Some excellent sporting triumphs for our Year Group! As well as all of these amazing opportunities the children have also applied themselves fully to their academic work and made a fantastic start to Year Six. The Spring Term is looking just as action packed! The two days before half term will no doubt be most memorable. During these days the entire year group will be in role as Victorian school children. They will be taking part in various activities such as handwriting, sewing, hymn practice, arithmetic and drill! For Mrs. Atkinson, these will seem like normal school days... I am really proud of the children's achievements so far in Year Six and I am very much looking forward to another hard working and enjoyable term with the children.