



# Wingate School Tenerife

## Primary Curriculum Newsletter

### Year 6 (April to June 2022)

#### A Message from Miss Burridge and Ms Munro:

Welcome to the Summer term. With an eventful few months on the horizon, there are plenty of challenges and surprises in store for Year 6.

This curriculum newsletter will provide you with an insight into what the children will be discovering and expanding their knowledge of across the key **core** subjects this term.

For further information about other subjects, see the overview on the school website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Best wishes,

**Miss Burridge and Ms Munro**

#### General Information:

- PE: Tuesdays
- Afternoon activities: Fridays. This may require PE kit to be worn which will be communicated by email by Mrs Estevez, Head of Primary

#### Other Information:

Our PSHE lessons will remain a focus in class and the children will have various opportunities to discuss their own mental health and wellbeing throughout these sessions.

This term pupils will develop their understanding of:

- Relationships: how to resolve conflict and that there are different methods of communication
- Transition to Senior School

There will be a dedicated week to **SRE** when

#### Maths

This term, Year 6 will continue to work on their number skills while exploring shape and angle work in Geometry. The children will also be extending their knowledge of Statistics by creating line and pie charts, as well as calculating averages, including the mean. They will also be introduced to Algebra - a new area of Maths - in preparation for Year 7.

Reasoning, problem solving and accuracy in mental maths are key skills that we are continuing to develop this term. As always, we will be encouraging the children to utilise the maths 'talk' skills and variety of strategies for problem solving taught to aid them in explaining their mathematical thinking and demonstrate greater depth when working.

#### English

Throughout the Summer term, the children will be exploring a range of genres when writing, including: explanation texts, scientific reports and narrative myths and legends. (This final piece will be linked to their topic 'The Maya Civilisation' and the creation of the world in the Maya legend of the Hero Twins.) Year 6 will be submerged in a depth of skills with the aim of creating their own pieces of writing in the style of an author, whilst also focusing on improving their handwriting, presentation, grammar and composition skills.

Whole-class Guided Reading sessions will continue to focus on developing the children's deduction and inference skills, as well as coaching them to provide reasoned justifications for their views supported by evidence from the text.

#### Science

This term's topic will build on Year 6's previous learning in Science; begun in Year 3 with 'Rocks' and nurtured through 'Animals including Humans' and 'Living Things and their Habitats' topics throughout KS2. As the culmination of all of these, our 'Evolution and Inheritance' unit requires the children to have a thorough understanding of fossils, habitats and human development in order to grasp the concepts and ideas presented to them in these lessons. The children will learn about variation and the adaptation of the human species, whilst also exploring the separate theories of evolution developed by Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace. They



we will discuss topics such as:

- Male and Female Changes
- Puberty, Hygiene and Reproduction
- Conception and Pregnancy
- Communicating in Relationships

We will also be studying various aspects of **Islam** during our Religious Studies week.

### How can you help at home?

- **Reading:** The children should be reading a variety of texts aloud at home for **10 minutes everyday**, either using their level book or our online EPIC library. After reading, the content should be discussed with an adult or sibling and this should then be recorded in their Reading School Record.
- **Spelling Practice:** Spelling is a key focus and weekly spellings should be practised at home for **10 minutes daily** using resources provided on the children's Chromebooks. Any **additional tasks** set should be completed on a Google Doc and submitted to the class teacher through the Home Learning Google Classroom.
- **Home Learning Tasks:** Children are to complete their weekly tasks in their Home Learning exercise books and hand them in to their teacher **each Friday**. These short exercises focus on developing and practising their problem solving skills with regards to shape, measure and data handling.
- **KS2 SATS Preparation:** Resources for the children to revise the various areas of the curriculum tested in the KS2 SATS will be posted throughout this term on the Home Learning Classroom. **These resources and activities** are available to support the children **ONLY** if they wish to use them when revising for their exams - **they are not compulsory pieces of work to complete.**

will also examine and consider the scientific evidence gathered from plants and animals that has informed the Theory of Evolution to form their own opinions.

### Topic

As Historians, Year 6 will be learning about the Maya Civilisation. A colourful, exciting subject, the children will learn about who the ancient Maya were, as well as where, when and how they lived. Using maps and atlases, the children will identify countries in Mesoamerica and locate Maya cities in relation to this. They will also learn about the religious beliefs, rituals and many deities worshipped by the Maya.

Year 6 will also explore Maya culture, investigating: architecture, the Maya calendar, music and the types of food that were eaten. The opportunity to argue about the significance of corn and chocolate - ultimately deciding which was more important - will take place within a class debate. Finally, the children will learn to write like the Maya using their complicated series of glyphs and solve mathematical problems using their unique number system.

As Geographers, the children will continue developing their mapping skills whilst learning about Biomes. They will explore what a biome is, the climate zones they can be found in, compare and contrast features of various biomes and recognise the human impact on biomes around the world.

### Gooseberry Planet

Gooseberry Planet is an award-winning educational software platform designed to educate children, teachers and parents about Online Safety (E-Safety). This platform has been integrated throughout Primary and Key Stage 3 by Ms Munro.

This term, Year 6's E-Safety focuses will be the following:

- to recognise persuasion and the risks and consequences of inappropriate behaviour in video chat,
- to consider the impact that our online choices have on others,
- to know how to spot a fake online profile and how to respond safely,
- to understand how our online activity can lead to advertisements and popups, including gambling.

We hope you found this informative and if you have any further questions or queries regarding any aspect of our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact us via our emails:

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Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer term.

**The Year 6 Team**