

Try these websites for research and learning at home activities at home:

For more information about these topics and resources such as websites check out our frog page at oldpalace-towerhamlets.frogos.net (do not include www.)

Homework

In year 6 homework will be given to the children every **Thursday** and should be returned on **Wednesday**.

Reading – please ensure that your child reads for 30 minutes every day. Talk to them about what they have read and ask some questions. For example re-tell the story, how did the author create suspense? What emotive language was used?

English & Maths activity—each week your child will receive an activity to complete please ensure your child spends at least 20 minutes a day on either.

Spellings, Times tables & Mental Maths - The children will be tested weekly. Please ensure your child learns these at home.

Research Project

This half term, the children's topic is '**Ancient Civilisations**' and they will be creating a leaflet about their chosen civilisation.

The children will be learning about 3 different civilisations: Islamic, Mayan and Benin.

Key learning

To extend our knowledge in greater detail about different civilisations.

To choose an appropriate planning format to sequence key ideas.

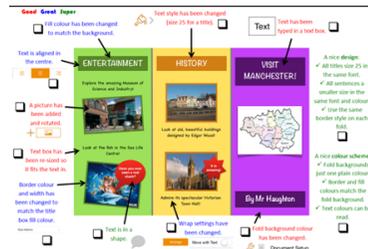
To research in greater depth, identifying key information.

To consolidate design and layout skills of a leaflet.

Success Criteria

- Carry out research about the chosen civilisation.
- Write down key notes, collect pictures for ideas.
- Create a planning format to sequence notes and support the layout.
- Research different leaflet designs for inspiration.
- Create the leaflet ready to share in class.

Your class teacher will send home more details about the research project!



e-safety

e-Safety is important at Old Palace Primary. You can keep up to date with e-Safety news by looking at our school website regularly.



Year 6 Newsletter - Summer 1 Autumn1

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you had a lovely 2 weeks with your children.

Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

Pen Licence

This term we are focusing on raising the standards of presentation in the children's book and folders. In order to encourage pupils to try hard with their handwriting and presentation in all subjects, a pen licence will be awarded to pupils who meet the criteria. This is a very special achievement! The pupils will receive a pen licence in the form of a certificate and a brand new handwriting pen. They must continue to maintain the high standard of presentation as their pen licence can be taken away at any time. Pupils will receive 2 free handwriting pens each school year and then after that we ask for a small fee of 40p to purchase a new one.

We are also encouraging children to apply cursive script when completing their homework and would appreciate your support with this at home. Below are the letter joins and capital letters used at Old Palace and an example.

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PE & Fitness

Year 6 will still have PE every **Friday** afternoon and Fitness session every **Tuesday** morning. Please make sure that your child brings the **PE kits** to school for these days.

Important Dates:

SATs- week beginning Monday 14th May 2018 (timetable inside the letter)

V&A Trip – Tuesday 22nd May 2018



Ideas on how to support your child's learning at home.

English:

1,001 Arabian Nights

To support this term's topic 'Ancient Civilizations', we will be reading the classic text 1,001 Arabian Nights. We will be exploring the different tales and quests whilst planning and writing a contemporary quest story. We will be looking at the key features of this genre, such as the creation of a hero/heroine as a protagonist and moral symbolism. You can help at home by reading books such as '**Northern Lights**' by Philip Pullman and '**The Wizard of Earthsea**' by Ursula Le Guin.

Non-Fiction Comprehension

The children will be reading a range of non-fiction texts such as advertisements and letters, which they will be using to practise their comprehension skills. In particular we will be focusing on the different layout features of texts and commenting on their purpose. You can help at home by looking at public leaflets that you can pick up in the supermarket and asking your child who the intended audience is, the purpose of the leaflet and its effectiveness. Encourage your child to look closely at the writing and use evidence to support their opinions.

Maths:

During this half term each math group will continue to look at areas specific to them (after analysing practice papers). This will involve solving problems including decimals, multiplication, division and number facts. They will be looking at a variety of reasoning questions and arithmetic in preparation for the SATs in the next few weeks.

SATs timetable 2018

Monday 14th May- English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 15th May-English reading

Wednesday 16th May- Mathematic Papers 1 and 2

Thursday 17th May- Mathematic Paper 3

Useful Links:

<http://uk.ixl.com/math/year-6> -This website covers different math skills. Through timed questions, it challenges the children and addresses misconceptions with clear explanations.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3>—arithmetic skills.

<http://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?Tid=5> – past papers to download for free.

Topic: Ancient Civilisations

The children will be learning about the Golden era of Islamic civilisations and the many inventions created that are still in use today. In this topic, they will be researching the history of Baghdad, the epicenter of activity during the Golden age, and producing their own timelines pinpointing the key events. In addition, they will also be researching about other ancient civilisations such as, the Mayan in South America and the Benin in West Africa. As part of this unit, the children will be looking at Islamic art and their distinctive geometric patterns.

Computing:

Year 6 will have the opportunity to create an online google site. The children will plan an end of year project, to showcase all of their work. Their project will include music (garage band), prezi, pictures, voice recordings and snap shot of sketch up. It will be published and accessible via Frog - combining a range of digital resources/programs which are embedded into the site and shared with an intended audience.

RE: Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?

This question enables pupils to learn in depth from two different religions about why their holy buildings and works of art matter to them as expressions of devotion to God and worship, and about how they practice generosity and charity. The investigation implements the principal aim of RE, which is to engage the children through enquiry, looking at significant human questions which religion and worldviews address. This helps for them to develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate varied responses to these questions, as well as develop responses of their own.

P.E : Volleyball

The children will practicing skills in order to play volleyball. They will be learning how to pass and receive the ball with control and accuracy as well as being able to volley the ball.

PSHE: Be Respectful

This half term the children will be looking at what makes them special and unique. They will be identifying and celebrating similarities and differences such as race, religion and gender within their class.

D&T: Structures

This half-term, the children will take part in a D&T day focusing on structures.