

# Year 6 Update WK 15

## UPCOMING DATES

**Tuesday 8th December** - Year 1 & 6 Immunisation Day

**Friday 11th December** - PTA Christmas Disco

**Wednesday 16th December** - PTA Christmas Concert

**Friday 18th December** - last day of term, finish at 12pm

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**Monday 4th January** - back to school for the Spring Term 2016

**Thursday 21st January** - KGV Taster Day...for all the children who are going to KGV next year - more info to follow.

**Friday 5th February** - last day of school before Chinese New Year break

**Monday 15th February** - back to school after Chinese New Year break

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Secret Santa** - Children have been asked to take part in secret Santa, no more than \$70 per child. If your child will be absent on the last day of term please let us know so they can opt out.

**Winter Uniforms** - Can you please help your child to check the weather before dressing for school each morning? Some children are coming in to school dressed up for snowy weather but the temperatures are still getting up to mid twenties. Please also note that black shoes, not trainers, are required, as are white trainers only for the P.E. uniform.

**Stationery** - Most children are equipped with the stationery they need, however some are missing some essentials. Please make sure that your child has all of the

stationery that they need and that items such as **glue sticks** get replenished. A **small hole punch** would also make things easier in class.

**Camp Photos** - These are still available in the Google folder which we have shared with the children in all classes, so if you'd like to see more of the footage we took please check in with your child.

**Family borrowing** - As you will have seen in the school newsletter it is now possible for parents, younger children and other family members to borrow from our library. By registering for a family borrowing card you can borrow two books from any section of the library, including the new Parent Collection which contains books about healthy living, behaviour management, fun art activities and days out for children in Hong Kong. The library is open for family borrowing at these times...

	<b>Before school</b>	<b>After school</b>
<b>Monday</b>		2.45-3.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.15- 9.00am	
<b>Wednesday</b>		2.45-3.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	8.30-9.15am	

To register for a family borrowing card please complete the form found on the school website's communications page. For any questions please contact Emily Jeves [jevese2@beaconhill.edu.hk](mailto:jevese2@beaconhill.edu.hk)

## THIS WEEK IN YEAR 6

### Scientific investigation rotations





With a new unit of inquiry to sink our teeth into we began science rotations. The children are moving around school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to enjoy learning about the different aspects of scientific investigations. From searching for hidden limes to measuring temperature and even building their own vessels, year 6 are really enjoying themselves and it is provoking some excellent thinking that will help with our brand new inquiry.

### **On the Sports' Field**

Year 6 have been representing the school in yet more sport. The mixed netball team were in action last weekend as well as the girls team. Both teams performed brilliantly, a lot of the players had never thrown a netball before this season so well done to them!

### **Christmas is coming**

Students in year 6 are now delivering cards on a daily basis. Our students are taking the task seriously but having fun at the same time by wearing Santa hats or reindeer antlers, they are such good sports!

### **Golden Book Awards**

6H - Mustafa Kashif - Class certificate

6H - Jodie Chan - Music Certificate

6F - Destiny Wond - Class certificate

6L- Chris Chan - Class certificate

6L - Milly Okuda - Mandarin Certificate

6L - Justin Chan - Mandarin Certificate

## UNIT OF INQUIRY

### Year 6 Unit of Inquiry 3

**Transdisciplinary Theme** : How the world works

**Central Idea** : Scientific investigations can help people to make sense of the world.

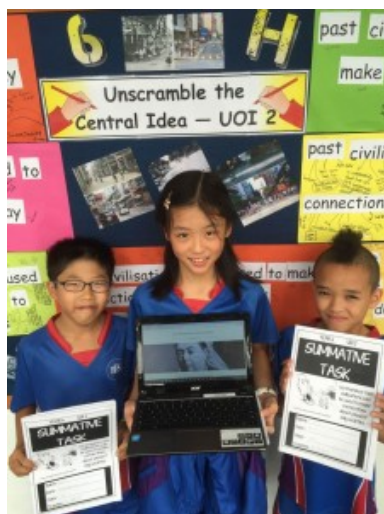
**Lines of Inquiry** - We will inquire into...

- what scientific inquiry is
- how the scientific process is used
- the application of the scientific process

**Concepts** : form, function,

**Learner Profile** : reflective, inquirer

**Attitudes** : independence, curiosity



Out with the old.. and in with the new.



We finished up with UOI 2 and have dived straight in to UOI 3. After finishing the summative task and reflecting the children in year 6 are tuning in to their new



unit and loving every minute of it.



Year 6 have unscrambled the central idea, defined and researched key words and gotten involved in many experiments.

# MATHS

**Number Maths - *Fractions, decimals and percentages***

**Central Idea** : Fractions, decimal fractions and percentages are ways of



As always, buddy spelling tests are held every Friday so Spelling Journals are an absolute necessity for Fridays. **Spelling Journals** need to be back in to school **everyday** to enable students to work on the spelling investigations in the back of the journal throughout the week and also to add personal spelling words to as they arise during the weekdays.

# HOMework

**Spelling** : Spelling Journal homework - 3 practice spelling tests to be conducted under the supervision of an adult at home, daily spelling practice and any additional journal tasks set by the class teacher.

**Reading** : Weekly reflections to be completed at least once a week. Children need to ensure they are reading at home each night for at least 20 mins and to write one weekly reflection about their reading in their diaries. Parents are not required to write a comment or to sign the book. However, continued interest and involvement in your child's reading would be appreciated and will assist in their development.

## **Number Maths :**

- **Miss Fearn** - Due to Science Rotations please continue with your Mathletics! I have set you all new tasks.....enjoy ☐
- **Miss Fisher** - Make sure you are up to date with Mathletics
- **Mr Hoskins** - Make sure you are up to date with Mathletics
- **Mrs Davis** - Make sure you are up to date with Mathletics

**UOI** - Please complete some of the on-line revision games

[Primary School science link](#)

If you fancy a challenge, why not try the high school revision section here

[High School science link](#)

## **Thought of the Week :**

*"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think."* Margaret Mead