



Autumn Term 2024 Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6

Welcome back, we hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break. We are both looking forward to teaching this class and look forward to all the learning opportunities Year 6 has in store. A hardworking, exciting term lies ahead!

Literacy

Across the school this half term, children will start their literacy lessons exploring the text 'Hermelin.' Writing will take different forms with children producing diary entries, letters and narrative pieces. Work will be shared and celebrated across the school, as all classes are studying this text. Throughout this term, Year 6 will look at a range of genres including fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

This half term in Year 6, we will also focus on writing to entertain and inform. Our first narrative text will be 'Night of the Gargoyles.' After that, we will be looking at some non-chronological reports based on the text 'Planetarium.' Through these topics, children will continue to build their range of vocabulary and refine their grammar skills. Children will develop their use of higher-level punctuation and be encouraged to independently edit and improve their writing. There will also be a focus on spelling and handwriting.

All children will participate in guided reading and have the opportunity to further their reading with an Accelerated Reader book. Children will complete quizzes on finished books collecting the words from each book they read. Children will be encouraged to read a broad range of different text types and read every day at home and school.

Maths

This term we will start by consolidating place value using numbers to 1,000,000. We will be identifying the value of different digits to help children add and subtract decimals from numbers. Children will consolidate their knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, explaining methods and justifying answers. Children will be relating their knowledge across all areas of maths, relating decimal numbers to fractions and fractions to division. They will have regular opportunities to problem solve using the four operations.

Mental strategies will be taught in daily fluency sessions throughout the term with a continuing focus on multiplication facts. Children will be encouraged to evaluate mental strategies, reason and explain strategies that they find effective when calculating. Please continue to support your children in their use of Mathematics to support and consolidate learning.

Foundation subjects

History and Geography will be taught on a half-termly basis. Our first topic is Vikings. Children will build on their learning from Year 5 and explore if there were any major differences between the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invaders. They will explore what archaeology tells us about these invaders and interpret historical sources. Geography will be after half term and the topic that children will explore is the Amazon Rainforest. Children will explore where the Amazon Rainforest is located, the key physical features and the diverse species that it contains.

Art and DT will also be taught on a half-termly basis. DT lessons for the first half term will focus on designing a phone case and will link to previous learning on textiles allowing children to apply their sewing



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skills. Art in the second half-term links to children's Geography learning. Children will create a piece of art based on the rainforest; they will look closely at the work of Henri Rousseau.

Year 6 French topics are: school subjects and the weekend. The theme of RE is beliefs and practices, with a focus on Islam, followed by Christianity. PSHE learning explores the topics: being me in my world and celebrating differences. In Computing we will be exploring coding, online safety and blogging through Purple Mash.

Science

This term we will begin by investigating the topic of Light. This will involve practical experiments as well as research, individual and group tasks.

Our second topic after half term will be Humans and health. We will mainly be focusing on the circulatory system including how the heart, blood and vessels work, and we will also be looking at the influence of diet, exercise, and lifestyle on our health.

P.E

P.E is a compulsory subject therefore all children will be expected to participate every week.

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. On a Wednesday afternoon, children will participate in swimming lessons, off-site at the Laura Trott leisure centre. Please ensure that your child comes to school equipped with a swimming kit: towel, swimming hat and a swimming costume, swimming trunks or shorts above the knee. Goggles are also permitted. On a Thursday, children will benefit from PE being taught by the sports coach. Please ensure that your child comes to school on PE days wearing their PE kit and have suitable clothing for all weathers.

Homework

We will continue to give out creative homework based on our current topics- this first homework will be based around the Vikings and current Science topic- Light. Children will have a selection of tasks to pick from and homework will be shared and celebrated at the end of each half term. In preparation for secondary school, we expect all children to complete the tasks given at home. If your child needs extra resources, we are happy to provide these.

If you have any questions, please come in after school or make an appointment with the office.

Ms Brown and Mrs Strange