



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6

Autumn Term 1

In Year 6 we have been settling into our new classes and adapting to our timetable for the year ahead.

We have reiterated the importance of regular reading out loud at home, aiming for 5x reads per week..

We have also been reminded of the school's CORE values of community, opportunity, respect and excellence and discussing how we can demonstrate these in daily school life.

Pupils will be set weekly homework in maths and writing/reading which should be returned to school by the following Friday

English

In our writing lessons we have been working very hard on our handwriting to ensure we fully embed the correct letter formation and are able to join our our handwriting correctly which is a requirement for all Year 6 pupils to achieve by the end of KS2. In addition, we have started our class reading text 'Street Child', which links to our History Topic 'Victorians'.



How can I help at home?

Reading at home with your child will help with vocabulary and comprehension.. Pupils should be regularly practising their spellings ahead of the test on Fridays. Displaying a selection of spellings at home where they will see them multiple times a day (on their bedroom door for example) can help them to learn the words by sight.

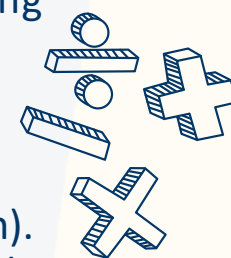
Personal Development

This half term in PD we are exploring the topic 'Being me in my world'. We will be creating a learning charter, understanding our feelings and those of others alongside learning about democracy



Maths

In Maths have been consolidating our understanding of Place Value, including rounding and negative numbers. We will then move onto the four operations and solving problems involving these. We will be using numbers up to a million so please encourage the children to practise the four operations.

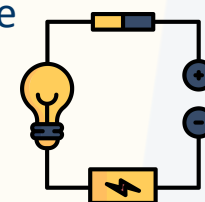


How can I help at home?

Practise times tables (TTRS, rote learning, Hit the Button). Real life Maths - looking at numbers when out and about to identify the place value of digits within them. Practising the formal written methods for addition and subtraction. This could be applied to prices of items your child wants to purchase by adding up the total and subtracting that total from the money they have.

Science

In Science this half term we will be learning about electricity. This will include making circuits and learning about the components and how they work. We shall be conducting investigations looking at how currents change depending on which components are added or taken away, and the voltage.



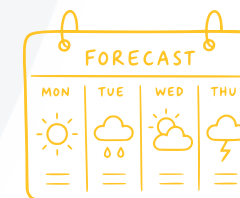
History

The year will start with us looking in depth at The Victorians and how Great Britain was shaped during the Industrial Revolution, the British Empire and the many new inventions from this era.



French

In French this half term, pupils will be learning about weather and the different seasons. Pupils will also learn to answer the question 'Quel temps fait-il?' (What is the weather like?). They will also be taught the basic geography of France and to learn the compass directions in French. Pupils will continue to improve their pronunciation through our French phonics programme.



Art

Year 6 have begun a 'Day of the Dead' topic looking at the Decorative Folk Art of the Mexican Festival. They will be practicing Tonal drawing, looking at Artist Damien Hirst and making decorative ceramic skulls.

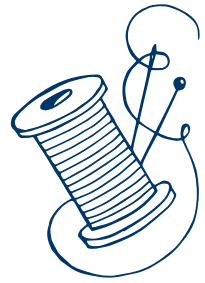




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This half term, pupils will be designing and making phone cases putting their sewing skills to the test. They will consider the target market for their product, identify the design criteria and then evaluate their design considering any changes they would make in future.

Computing

Learning about how to keep safe online by being careful not to give out personal information is one of the aims of our first unit. We will discuss the potential dangers of speaking to people we don't know on the internet and learn about the importance of talking to a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes us feel uncomfortable when online. We will also know how to check that information online is reliable.



Music

Year 6 will spend this half term primarily focussing on developing pupils singing skills, their ability to understand and interpret lyrics, their listening skills and teamwork.

Alongside the teaching of singing material, Year 6 will get the opportunity to continue their beat, rhythm and pulse skills.

Drama

In the first half term of Drama, pupils will be focussing on developing their drama skills. They will expand their knowledge of characterisation skills and drama conventions and apply this to their own work. In the second half term, pupils will be developing their understanding of basic dance skills, learning and creating choreography, and expanding their performance skills.



Physical Education

In Year 6 PE, 6JC are starting the Autumn term with swimming lessons and all classes will participate in OAA, gymnastics and athletics. In games, they are on a rotation of netball, table tennis, rugby and football.