

**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**  
AUTUMN 2023  
Year 6



Welcome to Year 6.

The last year of their primary education and what an unforgettable year it will be. We will do our very best to prepare the children for their secondary school education, all we ask for is for your support. Your child may be invited to FREE extra tuition or boosters to help them achieve age related expectations or to ensure they make good progress, please accept this offer as it really does make a difference.

Your child will receive weekly homework that consists of:

Arithmetic Paper

Maths task on Mymaths

Grammar activity or Reading Comprehension

AR Quiz once a week (after completing their Library book)

Spellings on Google Classroom to practise.

We expect this homework to be completed each week.

Daily expectations:

5 minutes Timestable Rockstar practice each night

15 minutes reading each night

Remember to bring in a water bottle and a healthy snack to eat during break as it helps with concentration.

Our PE days in Year 6 are: Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure they come to school in their PE kit on those days.

School dinners should be ordered at home on the school grid.

**CORE SUBJECTS**

**English writing**

In English, we will be continuing with our new scheme 'The Write Stuff'. Our Literacy cycle this term will include a non-fiction newspaper report on 'Goldilocks' and a narrative called 'The



**English reading**

We will be working on the different elements of skilled reading with a variety of text types as well as learning techniques on answering detailed comprehension questions.



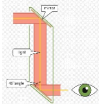



Some of the extracts we will be reading are:

**Mathematics**

Our work on place value will cover reading, writing and ordering numbers in the millions; knowing the value of digits in numbers and solving place value problems.



<p>Journey' which links in with our WW2 history topic.</p>  <p>In these lessons children will be taught grammatical skills and shown how to stack a sentence. Each lesson will build up and work towards their final piece of writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Yom Kippur/ Rosh Hashanah information text</li> <li>★ Goodnight Mr Tom</li> <li>★ Lewis Latimer biography</li> <li>★ Electricity information text</li> <li>★ Anne Frank Diary extracts</li> <li>★ The Great Pacific Garbage Patch</li> <li>★ When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit</li> <li>★ WW2 Evacuation story</li> <li>★ BOY- Roald Dahl</li> </ul>	<p>For the operations, we'll begin with addition and subtraction - column method; rapid mental strategies; inverse operations; solving word problems and estimating before calculating. Division and multiplication will include: number facts such as common factors and multiples and prime numbers; mental calculations; formal written methods of division and calculation; solving problems and the order of operations. After half term , the focus will be on; ordering, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing and simplifying fractions as well as finding equivalences between fractions.</p>
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FOUNDATION SUBJECTS			
<p><b>Science</b></p>  <p>In our unit of Light, we will be making our own periscopes and investigating how the light is reflected inside it to help us see over a wall. We will continue by looking at how shadows are formed as well as learning about how the invention of the light bulb has changed our lives today. In Autumn 2, we will be exploring different components of electrical circuits and designing our very own circuits.</p>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>Things we will be exploring during PSHE this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Goal setting for my year ahead</li> <li>● Being a global citizen-children's rights</li> <li>● My responsibilities</li> <li>● How an individual's behaviour can impact on a group</li> <li>● Democracy and having a voice.</li> </ul> <p>Next term our unit will be Celebrating Differences.</p> 	<p><b>RE</b></p>  <p><b>We will be learning about Hinduism and thinking about the strand of 'Believing'.</b></p> <p>Our key question will be 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?' We will be linking what Hindus believe and how this is similar or different to other religions.</p>	<p><b>French</b></p> <p><b>En Français ce terme...</b></p> <p>Our French unit this term is called 'In my French House'. The children will learn how to describe a house, the different rooms and who lives there. They also learn about prepositions to explain where items are arranged in their bedrooms.</p> 

## PE

Our focus for PE this term will be Dance, Fitness and Hockey. In Dance the children will focus on developing an idea or theme into dance choreography. They will work in pairs and groups using different choreographing tools to create dances e.g. formations, timing, dynamics.

In Fitness they will be taking part in a range of activities that explore and develop different areas of their health and fitness.

In Hockey they will be developing their understanding of the attacking and defending principles of invasion games.

## History

Our history unit this term is on World War 2. The children will be learning all about:  
When World War II took place.  
Who fought in WW2 (Allies, Axis and Neutrals)  
Why it was called World War 2  
Commonwealth soldiers.  
What happened to serving soldiers after the war.  
Evacuation and what happened to children during WW2.



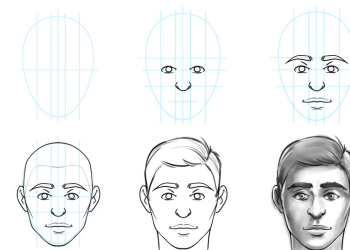
## DT

In our cooking unit, we will be:  
-exploring different types of burgers, sauces and side dishes and their nutrition facts  
-planning and designing our own burger to make  
-making and evaluating our burgers  
-selling our product at the Christmas event.



## Art

Art will cover a variety of skills and a range of media over the year. This term, we will be focussing on the following:  
- Identifying line, tone, pattern and texture in an artist's work.  
-Experimenting with line, tone, pattern and texture.  
-Using observational skills to produce a half face colleague self portrait.  
-Using observational skills to produce a half face colleague self portrait?



## Computing

We have started the year off with our Online Safety unit where we have explored what is meant by 'Digital Footprint' and how to create a positive online reputation as well as how to keep personal information and passwords safe. We look at what makes a safe and secure password as well as what to do if we feel the safety of our passwords have been compromised. We will move on to learning about Computing systems and networks and in particular, the history behind Bletchley Park, the different types of secret codes and how to decipher them.



## Music

Our unit this term will be 'Writing Music Down'. In this unit, our overarching theme will be 'How Does Music Bring Us Closer Together?'.

The children will be exploring long and short (rhythm) and high and low (pitch) sounds that can be represented by musical symbols.



## Special weeks

**Wednesday 13th September:** Roald Dahl Themed Lunch.  
**Thursday 14th September:** Cooking workshop for Year 2.  
**Friday 15th September:** Rosh Hashanah lunch.  
**Friday 22nd September:** Harvest Festival Lunch.  
**23.10.2023 - 27.10.2023:** Half Term  
**30.10.2023 - 03.11.2023:** Making a Difference Week  
**Tuesday 31st October:** Halloween Lunch & Halloween Disco  
**Friday 3rd November:** Bonfire Night Lunch  
**Friday 10th November:** Remembrance Day Lunch  
**13.11.2023 - 17.11.2023:** Anti Bullying Week  
**Monday 13th November:** Diwali Themed Lunch  
**20th-24th November:** Mock SATs week  
**04.12.2023 - 08.12.2023:** Enterprise Week  
**Tuesday 5th December:** Hanukkah Themed Lunch  
**Wednesday 13th December:** Christmas Themed Lunch  
**Wednesday 20th December:** Last day of Term

