

Year 6 Curriculum letter

Year 6 Autumn term 2018



Welcome to Year 6! We are looking forward to the Year 6 children working as excellent role models for the whole school. Please note that we insist on full school uniform including school shoes and hair tied back throughout the year. No jewellery is permitted. Full P.E. kit is needed every Monday and Friday for 6H, and every Wednesday and Friday for 6HR and 6M. Most children will have roles and responsibilities and all will participate in democratic processes and elections.

English

The term begins with looking at variety of genres and story writing, including an extended story, followed by biographies and autobiographies. After half term, we will be studying a Shakespeare play, which will include a visit from a theatre company and a trip to the theatre to see a production. Our class novel is set during World War II and will be the main focus of our English lessons once the children return from Osmington Bay.

Our non fiction work includes journalism, as well as explanation and instruction texts.

Maths

There will be a strong emphasis on practical problem solving throughout the term, including data handling skills and two-step word problems. We will continue to develop written methods for calculations, in particular the compact form for long division. The children will develop their understanding of decimal fractions and conversions between decimals and common fractions. We study the properties and vocabulary associated with 2D and 3D shapes. **Please ensure that your child knows their times tables as they are invaluable.**

Science

Our Science topics are The Nature Library, Electricity and Our Changing World. We will use a range of approaches to ensure all children achieve in Science, including independent research, practical investigation and writing about Science. The children will use computing programmes to support their learning.

Computing

This term, pupils will use stop frame animation with the theme “We Are Environmentalists.” After half term we will write computer programs. Computing will also be used to enable research in supporting other curriculum areas. There will be a strong focus on the appropriate use of the Internet, especially e-safety.

Homework

Homework and spellings will be set every week on Friday and will due in on the following Wednesday. Please remind the children that if they need further assistance with their homework, to speak to their class teacher before it is due in.

Other Subjects

Our **History** topic will be about The Vikings, with particular reference to evaluating sources of evidence about the past and the contribution to justice made by Alfred the Great. In the second half of the term in **Geography**, our topic will be biomes, contrasting regions and climates around the world. We will take every opportunity to link this to our UNICEF ideals and global cohesion.

In **Art**, we will draw and paint landscapes and use a range of media. After half term our **Design Technology** theme will be designing and making slippers. **Please ensure your child knows how to thread a needle and make a simple tacking stitch.**

We will continue to develop our **French** language skills. We will be revising the vocabulary learned in Year 5 (introductions, colours, number, days, months, etc) consolidating it in the written form and reading a French classic.

Our **R.E.** topics this term are Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Shabbat. After half term the children will be learning about the Buddhist Community.

In **P.S.H.E.** we will consider our rights respecting initiatives and continue to develop independence. We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week as well as consolidating British Values.

We will continue to work with a specialist coach for **outdoor P.E.** with an emphasis on team games, defending and passing. In **Gymnastics** we will be developing sequences on the floor and using apparatus with a focus on balance. Our **Dance** unit is “Strictly Come Dancing” and we will learn the Waltz, Salsa and Paso Doble.

You can help your child by continuing to hear him/her read every day and checking that homework is being completed thoroughly. Please remember to sign Home School diaries weekly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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