



Year 6 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter



English

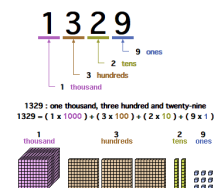


In English, we will be exploring the Sherlock Holmes series. We will be looking at creating mystery and suspense in writing as well as linking it to our Victorian topic. We will be learning to use a range of punctuation accurately, to vary sentence length and to use a range of different sentence openers.

In Guided Reading, the children will be reading *Street Child*, which is set in the Victorian era as well as looking at a range of non-fiction texts. In the second half of the term, we will read *A Christmas Carol* with a focus on developing and extending the children's vocabulary. We will continue to develop on key reading skills, such as: inference, retrieval and deduction.

Mathematics

Our first term will be spent ensuring that the children are confident with place value and the ordering of numbers. We will then move onto practising the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will learn new methods and revise strategies to support their workings such as checking with the inverse. Later in the term, we will be exploring the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will learn how to calculate fractions of an amount and percentages.



Science

Year 6 will start the term looking at evolution and inheritance where we will investigate how living things have changed over time. We will also be learning about the human body with particular focus on the different functions of the heart and the digestive system. Whilst we study the body, we will be exploring ways to keep ourselves healthy.



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History

The children will be learning about life in the Victorian era in our first term. We will be gathering evidence to answer the question 'Was the Victorian Era a golden age of change or a dark age of suffering?' We will look at important events and changes that took place and analyse their impact on the people of Britain.



Computing

Year 6 will explore how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration. Additionally, pupils will learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.

Physical Education

In PE, the children will be developing their football and volleyball skills through a variety of games and activities.

Art and Design

The children will be inspired by the Victorian artist, William Morris. They will learn about his artistic techniques and then apply this to their own designs. **Music:** The children will be learning how to play Steel pans weekly.

Design and Technology

Year 6 will be investigating, designing and making bags. They will get the opportunity to investigate products already made; design their own bags; practise different types of stitching and evaluate their finished pieces.

Religious Education

During our topic on Islam, we will focus on the enquiry: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? During our topic on Christianity, we will focus on the enquiry: Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?

PSHE

Our first topic in PSHE is families and relationships. We will focus on respect, resolving conflict and challenging stereotypes. Our second topic is health and wellbeing – looking at preventing illness and both physical and mental health.

Languages – French

The children will be revising some of their French speaking skills as they learn about school life in France. They will be able to name different items inside a pencil case and discuss French Christmas traditions.

Key Dates

Parent Consultations – 17th & 19th October
Victorian theme day – 18th October
Occasional Day – 1st December