



Year 6 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter



English

In English, we will be exploring the text 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. Using this magical text as inspiration, the children will be writing diaries from the point of view of contrasting characters and non-chronological reports about magical creatures. In Spring 2, we will be focusing on Macbeth. The children will use this stimulus to write poetry, letters and newspaper articles.

In guided reading, we will be exploring the book Holes and looking at how dual narratives can be used to tell a story. We will continue to develop reading skills - retrieval, exploration, analysis and deduction. We will also be exploring different question types in a variety of non-fiction texts.

Mathematics

In maths, Year 6 will be learning how to find the area and perimeter of compound shapes, as well as looking at the properties of 3D shapes. Year 6 will learn how to solve problems with ratio and look at interpreting data in line graphs and pie charts.

The children will continue their weekly arithmetic lessons, practising key skills. We will focus on long division, long multiplication, percentages and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Towards the end of the term, the children will begin revising all of the topics that they have learnt to consolidate their understanding.

Science

In science this term, we will be continuing to learn about 'Animals including Humans'. The children will be exploring how the digestive system works and learning about the importance of exercise and how to live a healthy life. We will then be looking at classification of living things and the attributes of each. The children will understand how broad groups can be sub-divided.



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History & Geography

Our Geography topic for Spring 1 will focus on Mexico. The children will practise atlas skills, grid references up to 6 digits, analyse the physical geography of Mexico and compare it with our own locality. We will be creating brochures about Mexico after researching specific features of the Mayan civilisation. This links to our Spring 2 History topic, in which we will be studying the Mayans. The children will learn about the achievements and culture of Mayan civilization and contrast it with the concurrent history of Britain. They will consider why this was an important period in history by examining evidence and using enquiry skills to ask and answer questions and draw conclusions.

Music

The children will be continuing with their weekly steel pan lessons during this term. They will be building on the initial skills they learnt by learning new songs and scales.



Physical Education

Our two PE units will be gymnastics and netball. We are very lucky to have a coach from Chance to Shine Cricket visiting weekly to teach Year 6 in Spring 2. The children will also be learning different ballroom dances as we take on Strictly Come Dancing!

Art and Design

In Spring 1 for Art, Year 6 will become street artists. This topic will enable the children to explore different mediums and artistic styles. The children will create their own street art at the end of the topic.

Computing

For our first computing unit we will be learning how to modify and then design our own games on Scratch. In the following unit, Year 6 will be introduced to spreadsheets and learning how to apply formulas and plan events.

Religious Education

In RE, our enquiry for Spring 1 is 'Is anything eternal?'. Here, we will be investigating if Christians believe that anything is eternal. In Spring 2, our enquiry for Easter is 'Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?'

PSHE

This term we will finish our unit on Health and Wellbeing before moving on to Safety and the Changing Body. This will include lessons on puberty, how a baby is made and how a baby is born. Further information will be sent to parents before the lessons take place.

Languages – French

The children will be learning how to describe clothing in French. They will also be practising the French alphabet.



Key Dates

8th January – Warner Brothers Studios
W/b 18th March – Mock SATs week
19th & 21st March – Parent Consultations
 Meetings for SATs and residential TBC