

Year 6 – Autumn 2023

Hello to all Year 6 families! We hope that you had a wonderful Summer break and that you are all well.

The Autumn Term will certainly be an exciting one for all of the children and we can't wait to see just how much they learn this term – we know that it will be a lot! The topics that we will be focusing on this term include Living things and their Habitats (science) and World War II – The Home Front (history) among many other things too.

As usual, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher either in person or on Class Dojo should you, or they, need anything – we are here to help!

Mrs Andrew (6A), Mr Hawkins (6H), Miss Challenger (6C), Mr Wills and Mrs Holliday ©

ENGLISH

During the first half term, Year 6 will be using Wonder by RJ Palacio as the main stimulus for their learning in English. They will be focusing on retrieval and inference this half term in their reading sessions. These sessions, combined with their grammar sessions, will enable the children to write for a specific purpose and have a desired impact on their reader.

As part of our English curriculum, reading is a high priority. Please encourage your child to read at home, on their own and to an adult or fluent reader. They can have a banded book and library books from school, as well as read books from home. Just twenty minutes a day, in addition to reading done in school, makes a great difference!

MATHS

In our Maths lessons we will be covering the following topics in the Autumn term:

- Place Value within

- 10,000,000
- Four operations
- Fractions
- Imperial and metric measures

Your child has a 'Times Table Rockstars' log in, please encourage your child to practise every day – just five minutes will help them to improve both their speed and their recall.

HOMEWORK

Homework needs to be returned so that it can be marked **every Friday**. The aim of homework is to support your child's learning and it will be linked to core curriculum subjects.

ΡΕ

PE will be on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. In Autumn 1, they will be completing basketball lessons and Outdoor Adventurous Activities. In Autumn 2, they will be having both dance and football lessons.

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. This kit must include a white t-shirt or polo shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers. When the weather is colder, please ensure that they have a dark jumper to wear:

TRIPS: We will be in touch in due course about trips that Year 6 will be undertaking throughout the year... we have some very exciting plans though, so watch this space!



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COMPUTING: In Computing, children will be learning about Computer Systems and Networks as well as learning about how to communicate responsibly online. They will also create their own 3D model using media.

MUSIC: The children will be looking at the song, 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and will then go on to study Classroom Jazz.

RE: Children will begin by looking at both Creation and Fall and whether science and Christianity are conflicting or complementary.

HISTORY: Children will investigate the causes and effects of World War II. The areas we will focus on in particular will be the Home Front, the use of propaganda, the roles of women and the effect of war upon children in towns and cities.

SCIENCE: This term children will learn about how animals are classified and discover how they have adapted to live in their habitat and environment (Living Things and Their Habitats). We will also learn about Evolution and Inheritance.

ART: Looking at artwork from Balla, Boccioni and Severini – children will focus and learn about how the artists have shown light, movement and speed within their work. As they progress through the unit, they will practise how to apply these skills before completing their own design of futurism artwork. **DT:** WWII Come Dine with Me! The children will be planning and cooking their own menu based around rationed foodstuffs from World War 2.

GEOGRAPHY: In Geography lessons, Year 6 will be learning about our 'Interconnected World'. They will come home with many facts about China, France and the UK... why not ask them to wow you with their knowledge?

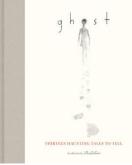
French: In French, children will be learning to say and write about things they do at the weekend and also clothing.

PSHE: Children will undertake tasks based on their Physical, Social, Health and Emotional needs. They will also focus on the topics of Water Safety and Alcohol.

Our first Class Novels will be as follows... why not ask your child what has happened so far?



6A are reading The Lion above the Door by Onjali Rauf



6H are reading Ghost – Thirteen Haunting Tales to Tell by Blaise Hemingway and Jesse Reffsin



6C are reading Otherland by Louie Stowell

Stuck for something else to read or for present ideas? Why not try these?









