

Year 6 Autumn Term

Meet the team:

The Year 6 team consists of Mrs Stirling-Wood (6HSW) and Mrs Davis (6LD).

We are ably supported by Mrs Harris and Miss Derbyshire who will help us to do the very best for your child.

PE is taught weekly by our new PE coach, Mr Wells.



Welcome to Year 6!

We are excited to welcome your children back to school, and especially excited to be teaching them in Year Six!

English

In English, we will first be studying Thornhill, which is a spooky tale guaranteed to inspire some brilliant writing. We will begin to revisit areas of the curriculum that the children covered in previous years to embed this learning, as well as teaching the elements of the curriculum which are new to Year Six.

We will teach reading through a range of high-quality texts across the week, securing the children's reading skills. Our first text is Polly Ho-Yen's *Boy in the Tower*. This year, we will continue to use Accelerated Reader and children will choose their books from the KS2 Reading Library. We encourage children to read at home at least three times a week, which should be recorded in reading diaries.

Maths

This term is focused on Place Value, Four Operations and then Fractions. We will revise and then build on these areas of Maths to strengthen their mathematical foundations, whilst stretching the children to apply this knowledge and understanding in new contexts. Every day, the children will work on their fluency skills as well, helping them to increase their accuracy and speed in core areas of arithmetic.

Science

During the spring term, we will learn about light. The children will investigate how light travels and how we can use mirrors to change this. We will learn more about shadows and how we can alter them, then explore light phenomena, such as rainbows! We then move on to learning all about electricity. In electricity, the children will learn how to make electrical circuits, investigating how changing components and voltage affects the output.

Wider Curriculum

We start the year with History, and our History focus will be crime and punishment through the ages. This is set to be an interesting unit, all the way from the Tudors to the 20th century. We are very much looking forward to our first trip of the year on Thursday to the National Justice Museum.

In the second half of this term will be looking at global population distribution and thinking about why certain areas are more populated than others. We will consider and discuss the social, economic and environmental push and pull factors that influence migration.

PE

PE will be taught on a Monday and Tuesday. The children should come to school dressed in their PE kit (a reminder of the school uniform policy is available on the school website). Year Six are learning tag rugby and golf.

Breaktime snacks

Snacks for playtime should be healthy (fruit/cereal bars) and should not contain nuts. Toast, flapjacks and pizza muffins are available to order through School Money.

SATS

As you already know, this is an important year in school for the children, culminating in the SATs examinations in May! Your children will be prepared as well as they can be to sit these. We will let you know how you can support your child throughout the year, and will provide further information about SATs nearer the time.

Keep in touch

Finally, we are here to support you as much as the children! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you have. You can contact us easily through Class Dojo.