

## English

We will be looking at a range of different writing genres primarily focusing on narratives and non-chronological reports. We will link our writing to our topics throughout the term. In reading, children will be given the chance to study a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be learning how to summarise, draw inferences, predict what might happen next and provide justification for our answers. Along with reading and writing, Year 6 has a heavy focus on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. This term we will begin by classifying different word groups and sentence types as well as looking at spellings of root words, prefixes and suffixes.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

## PE

PE will take place each week on a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has a **named** PE kit in school every day as lessons may be rescheduled due to poor weather.

Shorts, T-shirts and suitable indoor footwear are required for indoor PE and trainers, tracksuit bottoms and jumpers will be needed for outdoor games. It is also important for children to bring a water bottle for these sessions.

We aim to have as many of our PE lessons outside as possible.



## Reading Books

It is important that your child has their reading book with them in school on a daily basis. As our main aim is to instil a lifelong love of reading, in year 6, children are allowed to bring their own reading materials from home.



## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2020



### Welcome to Year 6!

We want your child's final year of primary education to be as enjoyable and memorable as possible. To help with this we have lots of exciting opportunities planned throughout the year.

Year 6 is an exceptionally busy year and we have already thrown ourselves into the curriculum. To keep completely up to date with our learning you can follow our Year 6 Twitter page: @MissE\_HCPS.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office or email me ([aelliott@huttoncranswick.eriding.net](mailto:aelliott@huttoncranswick.eriding.net)).

Thank you for your support.

Miss Elliott, Mrs Atkins and Mrs Mattock

## Computing

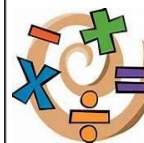
A range of ICT, such as chromebooks, will be used throughout the curriculum to enhance our learning. In computing lessons, children will begin to look at the processes of programming as well as using our multimedia skills.

We will also have a heavy focus on E-Safety with children learning how to use the internet safely and responsibly.

## Maths

Maths will initially focus on place value as well as developing our confidence with using the correct formal written methods in all four operations of number as part of our arithmetic work. Multiplication tables knowledge is extremely important and by Year 6 it is expected that children can recall all of the multiplication facts at speed. While we will be frequently teaching these skills and chanting our tables in the classroom, please spend as much time as possible helping your child to be as secure as possible in this area.

A large part of year 6 maths also focuses on reasoning skills and problem solving. Children are required to apply their mathematical knowledge to multi-step word problems.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach maths and much more!

## Religious Education

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year the children will learn about both Christianity and Judaism in their RE lessons. RE will be taught by Mrs Lilly on a Wednesday afternoon.

Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important, and the children have learnt a huge amount about the different cultures we have studied so far. If you have any artefacts or information, as ever we would love to hear from you.



## Safety and PSHCE/HeartSmart

This year the theme for Anti-Bullying week is 'United Against Bullying'. Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 16th – 20th November. The aims are: Small change. Big difference. During this week the children will learn that by making small simple changes, we can create a safe environment for everyone. Children will learn that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying and together we can challenge bullying. We invite children to wear odd socks on the Monday (16th) to celebrate our differences.

HeartSmart is an approach to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. It is a creative way to enable children to adopt a growth mindset whilst maintaining a healthy emotional epicentre. HeartSmart is about loving and accepting ourselves as well as loving and responding well to others. We continue to make our heart smart this term with the topic, 'Get HeartSmart'. This theme will help children grow in self-worth with a series of fun, interactive and practical lessons. We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.

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## Learning Challenge

The whole school theme for the Autumn Term will be 'The Great Outdoors'. Our first Learning Challenge for the Autumn Term is: "Were the Vikings always vicious and victorious?" We will start our Learning Challenge by completing a KWL Grid, which for each child shows what I know, what I want to learn and what I have learnt. We will return to the KWL Grid at the end of the Learning Challenge and complete the third column (what I have learnt) to show clearly what the children have learnt during the challenge. A huge amount of learning will take place on our exciting visit to Murton Park.



For the second part of the Autumn Term we will focus our learning on farming and settlements. Our topics will be based on questions raised by the children and therefore will be personalised as much as possible to their interests. If you have anything related to our topic that you would like to share, we would love to see it

Alongside our history and geography topics, Mrs Lilly will teach the children science on a Wednesday afternoon as part of PPA. She will start with looking at forces and follow with a unit on electricity.

Science lessons will be practical and will focus on scientific enquiries.



## Art/DT



Our Art and D&T sessions will link with our Learning Challenge this term. We will be developing our art skills using a range of media and techniques. The children will be creating their own Viking art.

In D&T, children will design, make and evaluate their own Viking style weaving.

## Homework

A large part of Year 6 is preparing the children ready for their transition to secondary school. As part of this, there will be an increase in homework this year. Children will be given spellings to learn, a piece of GPS work or a maths task, along with the expectation of them learning/improving the speed of their recall of all times tables. Reading work will also be set on a regular basis following guided reading sessions. Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be **returned by the following Wednesday** in order to allow time for us to mark and give feedback on this work. We will start to set homework in due course taking into account the current situation.

Every child is expected to complete all pieces of work they are set.

## Story Time

We will be reading a class story, and other short stories, throughout the year. As a school we are continuing to make a concerted effort to bring story time back! Children hearing stories and being given time to visualise and repeat them is important, and each class will finish the day with story time.

