

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 Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure your child has a **named** PE kit in school for the above sessions, trainers and warm clothing are needed for outdoor PE.



We will begin our PE sessions with hockey and gymnastics.

Computing

A range of ICT, such as iPads and 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.

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Welcome Back!

We hope that you have had a lovely summer holiday. We want your child's final year of primary school 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: @MissS_HCPS.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to call in and see us at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith and Mrs Atkins

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.

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. The children will continue to embed their times tables knowledge as it is extremely important and by Year 6 it is expected that children can recall all of the multiplication facts at speed. Please spend as much time as possible helping your child to be as secure as possible in this area as it makes such a difference.

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 Hinduism in their RE lessons, which will be taught by Mrs Walker.

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 'One Kind Word'. Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 15th – 19th November. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. Children will learn that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying and together we can challenge bullying.

In E-Safety we will be teaching children what we use computers for and the difference between computers and iPads. We will also use age appropriate videos that teach safety online.

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. 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.

Learning Challenge

Our whole school theme for the Autumn Term will be 'The Great Outdoors'.

Our first Learning Challenge for the Autumn term is history based: "*Who were the Mayans and what have we learnt from them?*" We will start by completing a KWL Grid, which for each child shows (what I know/what I want to learn/what I have learnt). We will return to the KWL Grid at the end of the topic and complete the third column (what I have learnt) to show clearly what the children have learnt during the topic.

During this Learning Challenge the children will learn all about the ancient Maya civilisation. The children will learn who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. They will use maps and atlases to locate Maya cities and identify countries in Mesoamerica. In addition to this they will learn about the religious beliefs and rituals of the ancient Maya people and find out more about some of the many gods they worshipped. We are also very excited to have a visitor in at the beginning of the term where we will explore artefacts.

In Science, our topic will be 'animals and their habitats'. We will begin to classify animals on their characteristics and decide how they have adapted to live in certain habitats.



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 a spellings list 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. 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.

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

Art/DT



Our Art and D&T sessions will link with our Learning Challenges this term. We will be developing our art skills in observational drawing by using our history topic 'The Maya Civilisation' as a stimulus. In D&T, the children will create their own Mayan mask.

Story Time

We always read 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! Please ask your child what we are reading!