




Year 6 - Autumn Term 2020



Welcome back to school after what has been a very disrupted and exceptional previous school year due to Covid-19. As a result of this, we will be taking some time this half-term to revisit some of the Year 5 objectives alongside the Year 6 ones in order to ensure that the children have some continuity and avoid gaps in their learning. We hope to settle the children into their new classes and whilst some routines and procedures in school have had to change slightly, please rest assured that the health, safety and well-being of your children remain at the heart of what we do. Year 6 is an important year in readying your child for the next step in their educational career and we endeavour to do our best to help

them. We will be setting homework on a weekly basis but for the foreseeable future this will be set online using Seesaw and My Maths due to the current pandemic and for the same reason, children will not be bringing reading books home. Often children will be set homework tasks to support their classroom work so it is vitally important that children complete such homework on time. We are hoping to provide you with some form of parents' information to welcome you to Year 6 later in the term. The children's topic for theme this term is '**Survival**'.

English

We will begin the term by looking at the unit 'Stories on a Theme', linked to our survival topic. Children will compare different adventure stories with a view to creating their own and debate issues within these. Following on from this, pupils will continue with work on biographies which will link to their work on survival through a focus on famous explorers. Underpinning all of this work will be a focus on sentence structure, technical vocabulary, handwriting and the use of punctuation and grammar. Pupils will also have short vocabulary sessions to introduce to them to new words and meanings; these may be related to our theme work or may be useful in our writing and comprehension. In guided reading sessions, we will be focusing on retrieval and inference and supporting our ideas with evidence from the text.

You can help by: continuing to listen to your child read at home by either using their own books or using the reading website Epic (getepic.com) and ask questions about the text.

Maths

A strong emphasis will be placed on revision and consolidation this half term. Pupils will revisit place value, looking at the value of digits, ordering and rounding as well as multiplying and dividing by 10,100, 1000, etc. They will then review the use of column addition and subtraction, the grid method of multiplication and division through chunking. Once confident with their use of the four operations, they will begin to solve word problems.

You can help by: learning by heart and quick recall of their times tables and related division facts. Asking your child to round prices in the supermarket or calculate change / totals.

Science

This term science links to our theme of survival where the children look at the topic of adaptation. The children examine how we know about life in the past by looking at what information fossils provide and how animals are adapted to living in their environments. Pupils also examine the work of scientists such as Darwin and how we know that animals have adapted and changed over time which leads into work on inheritance.

P.E.

Our first topics for P.E. this term are Hockey and Tag Rugby. Pupils will develop skills of invasion and defence and play small sided games in small groups as per current guidance. PE is on set days for each class but as we are encouraged to learn outside as much as possible now, there may be other occasions in the week when PE kit may be required. Due to Covid-19, your child will need to leave their kit in school until each holiday.

R.E.

This year the overarching theme which Year 6 explore is 'Is life like a journey?'. Pupils will start this term by studying Islam and exploring what Haj is and its importance to Muslims.

Computing

Our focus for this term will be internet safety and children will begin by looking at safe searching and how we ensure that when completing research, the information that we find is reliable.

We are looking forward to a great half-term and would like to thank you for your support,
Miss Beresford, Mrs. Docherty and Mr Taylor

