



YEAR 6

AUTUMN TOPICS

2019

Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to getting back into the new school year. In the termly newsletter, we hope to offer guidance to help you support your child's learning at home. Over the course of the year, we will share details of trips, workshops and other events happening in Year 6.

Maths

Over the course of the Autumn term we will be covering place value, calculation skills and fractions. In addition, there will be a daily mental maths fluency practice focussing on quick recall facts.

English

- Poetry
- Suspense writing
- Recounts and journalistic writing
- Explanation text

Science

What makes a battle ship sink and float? How can you escape safely from your plane? A science topic exploring forces.

How can you send messages across enemy lines? A science topic experimenting with electricity.

Creative Curriculum

Would you survive in the Battle of Britain? A topic exploring the events leading up to and during the Battle of Britain.

Computing

Purple Mash to choose termly objectives



RE

- Sikhism
- Christian beliefs

Music

- Found sound
- World War 2 music

PE

- Athletics
- Gymnastics

French

- Weather
- Directions

How to help at home

The children have access to a range of different websites which will support their learning. They should already know their passwords and be able to access these sites but if there are any problems please let us know.

Db Primary – Allows the children to share work with their classmates, check the class pages and download spellings, learning log sheets and communicate with the class teacher.

Purple Mash – A new learning platform that supports the children in maths, reading, writing and spelling through a series of games and activities.

Bug Club – An online reading programme which allows your child to read a variety of different books allocated by the teacher and answer questions about these.

Homework

The Government recommends that Year 6 pupils spend 90 minutes on homework per week (plus reading). However, the emphasis at Talbot is on how effectively homework helps your child to learn, rather than on whether it takes a certain amount of time. Therefore, we hope that all tasks are meaningful.

Reading Books

All the children in Year 6 will keep a reading record as part of their planner. They can change their reading books as often as they like in Year 6 and should note down what they have read in their reading record books. We will endeavour to check regularly to see what they are reading. Listening to your child read at home, asking questions and checking their comprehension still has lots of benefits, even if it is only every now and again.

Spellings

Each week there will be a spelling focus. Children will be set a list of words on Monday and these will be focused on during the week's lessons. The children should also revise the list at home, as they will be tested on it on the following Monday.

Learning Log

For each Creative Curriculum topic a series of tasks will be suggested and the pupils will need to complete a number of these over a period of time. The exact details will be shared with the children and glued in the Learning Logs.

Maths Homework

Maths homework is set on Monday by your child's maths teacher; this homework is due in on the Friday of the same week. Also, please support your child with learning their times tables (little and often works well). New government expectations are that all children will know their times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4.

PE

PE kit is needed on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Trips and Visitors

We will be visiting Eden Camp on Thursday 10th October. We will also be visiting the Sikh temple (date to be confirmed). On Wednesday 16th October the Shakespeare Company will be coming into school to perform Macbeth as part of our English work.

Additional Websites

The following websites may offer additional support.

www.uk.ixl.com/ – 10 questions daily covering maths, spelling, and grammar objectives

www.multiplication.com/games/all-games – times tables practise.

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/> – help and advice on a wide range of school subjects..

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> – maths games and advice

<https://www.spellingcity.com/> – a variety of spelling games