

Welcome to Year Six!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is an outline of what will be happening in Year 6 in Autumn term.

Teaching

Year6 teachers are:

Sujata Deshmukh (Scarlet Class) (Head of year)
Damini Modha (Gold Class)
Jessica Hernandez (Saffron Class)
Liana Aironi (English/Maths groups teacher)

The children will be split into four ability groups for extra support in English and Maths. **Mrs Deshmukh, Miss Aironi, Miss Hernandez and Mrs Modha** will teach the four groups, with the additional support of **Mrs Wickstead, Mrs Al Abbas and Mr Allsopp**.

English

This term, we are studying a wide variety of texts and genres. Each week, the children will be given opportunities to construct their own writing to inform, persuade and entertain.

There will be an additional emphasis on **English reading**, with the main focus on building children's love for reading and their reading stamina. They will be taught strategies to decode and comprehend different texts. Friday lesson each week will be dedicated to **reading comprehension**, where the children can explore a range of texts and understand how to answer inferential and evaluative questions. More emphasis will be given to word work. This year each class will also follow a class reading book.

Spelling

Each week, the children will be taking home differentiated spelling lists comprising words from the new National Curriculum and those which were spelled incorrectly in the previous week's long writing activity. They will be tested on a Thursday morning, and are expected to revise the words as part of their homework, in preparation for this test.

Maths

The children will be solving problems and puzzles involving:

- Ratio,
- Fractions,
- Decimals,
- Percentages,
- Addition and Subtraction, and
- Multiplication and Division.

Your child will learn new strategies (according to the Broadfields Calculation Policy) to deal with number and word problems making connections within different maths strands.

Creative Curriculum

Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology (DT) are collectively planned under the 'Creative Curriculum'. This is a theme that links these subjects together and helps the children to have a more rounded view of learning.

Our Creative Curriculum themes are:

Autumn 1: BOOM! The World At War

Autumn 2: On the Move...

Science

Our topics for this term are: Light and Electricity. The children will be able to observe how light and electricity travels, and apply this knowledge by designing and making a periscope and electrical game, in a mini DT project. Throughout these units, the children will also learn in detail how to conduct a scientific investigation, by formulating a question, making a prediction, finding and recording results, and making observations based on these results.

History

Our main topic is the Second World War. Children will learn about the causes of World War 2, get to know the public figures involved, and will spend time researching what life was like in Wartime Britain and the effect of war on our local area. If you have any artifacts or know anyone who could speak to the children about their experiences from this time, please let us know - for many children, it is the first time History can be made so real and it is always exciting to have those extra details! **Art and DT** will also be strongly linked to World War 2, and will include the design of a sturdy wartime shelter! The children will be helped to design this at school, and then have the choice of constructing it at home.

Geography

In the second half of the Autumn Term, children will be introduced to Human Geography and will learn about how the world's population has grown and shifted since the end of World War 2. They will be learning about migration, population, tourism and the development of towns and cities, including the local area.

PE

Children will have their weekly PE lessons on Thursdays and an additional session every Friday for the children who are not in the choir.

PSHE

PSHE will be taught through our wellbeing activities.

Next Steps: Homework and Targets

Each week children will be given one piece of English and Maths homework. In English children will get comprehension and grammar homework alternately. Besides this, a homework grid has been stuck inside children's Homework books, outlining tasks for WWII project and Science. Children are required to earn a minimum of 100 points each half term. A homework club will run (during lunchtime every day to help your child with their homework or research).

Every child receives individual targets in Reading Writing and Maths, that they are striving to achieve. You will receive copies of their main targets at the Parents Consultation Evening in November - please talk to your child about how they can best achieve these.

Secondary Transfer Forms

If you need help in completing the online application form, please contact Patience in the school office or Mr Archibald.

**We look forward to a creative and successful term. Please do not hesitate to discuss any queries or issues that you may have with us.
Thank you for your support!**

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