



Year 6 Curriculum Letter

Year 6 can be a tough year; however, we try to make the year as much fun as possible! You will be encouraged take on responsibilities in the school and in the wider community. There will be the chance to become a School Councillor, School Travel Plan Ambassadors or Head Boy/Girl. You will all help at lunchtimes as part of a lunch crew. Secondary schools must be applied for before the October half term holiday. In preparation for secondary school, we will be encouraging you to become more independent in your learning and try to help you to understand more about your emotions and how they will develop over the next few years.



Literacy

In Literacy this year, we will be studying a range of texts and genres. Texts will be linked to our topics. We are starting with *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo, as well as looking at some of the *Diary of Anne Frank*, books that are related to our topic 'A Child's War' which is all about WW2.

In the second half of this term we will be reading *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz, a fast paced, heart stopping children's spy story. Many exciting pieces of writing will come out of this study.

Attendance

The Government sets a minimum target of 96% attendance for every child. All absences have to be explained. Unauthorised absence must be reported to Hounslow. Fines of up to £100 are imposed for taking holidays in school time. If your attendance becomes a concern your parents will receive a letter setting targets.

P.S.H.C.E.

We will encourage you to think how your behaviour affects those around you. We will cover how you develop emotionally and physically over your teenage years. We will also look at bullying and issues around staying safe, especially online.



Numeracy

Our record in Maths is very good. We will focus on mental arithmetic, encouraging you to calculate quickly in your head; mental arithmetic skills will be very important when you take your SATs. You will be placed in ability sets reviewing much of the work you covered in year 5, fine tuning your skills and techniques to help you solve word problems. We want you to build up speed, particularly with times tables, and use of interactive websites is encouraged. Homework is set and required to be done each week.

Science

You will cover a large variety of science topics this year, all of which will be related in some way to your main topic. We will be undertaking scientific experiments which you will be devising and conducting yourselves. We hope to foster inquisitive thinking, questioning what you believe to be true and researching or experimenting to find answers.



Topics Our first topic is 'A Child's War'. We will be integrating our knowledge and understanding of this period in history into all aspects of the curriculum. We will also have visitors to help you to gain a greater understanding of what life was really like during WW2.

After half term, our topic will be 'Bloodheart' - a Science based topic where the children will learn all about the function of the heart and we hope to have 'Hands on Science' coming in to engage children in the dissection of a heart!

Art/Design Technology

We will link our work in this curriculum area with our topics: WW2- creating Blitz pictures using paint and charcoal, and using construction skills to make models of Anderson Shelters. After half term, we will attempt to make our own functioning heart in DT.



Music and Dance

Children will all take part in singing assemblies on a Wednesday.

Of course we have our annual Christmas concert and the Y6 end of year extravaganza to look forward to.

We will develop our skills, learning to sing in parts and preparing for the Year 6 production in July.

PE

This half term we are lucky enough to have coaching from The Harlequins Rugby Club every Friday morning. Our other PE lesson will be on a Monday afternoon.