

Year 6 Autumn Curriculum

Las Americas

The main topic for Autumn term is South America. The children will be learning not just about the physical environment of this vast continent but also the history of the people that live there, as well as the modern cities and trading links. To support this topic work, we have organised a visit by guided bus to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge on Wednesday 10th October.

English

English involves writing, grammar, punctuation, spelling and reading. It is vital that the children become accurate and take care with their grammar, punctuation and spelling, so this will be taught through specific lessons, which they can then apply in their writing. In reading we will be developing our skills to 'read between the lines' and justify opinions with examples from the text.

Please make sure that your child reads at home **every** day as well as at school—the more experience reading and talking about the text that your child has, the better their comprehension skills become.

We will begin our reading this term with 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson, which will form the basis of all our fiction learning and grammar. Exploring the text in detail will enable the children to become more engaged in their reading and help us promote a love of books. We will be looking at the techniques she uses to engage the reader and analysing the characters and plot lines.

Maths

The children will be continuing to work on the expectations of the maths curriculum where the emphasis is on fluency, reasoning and problem solving. We will use the 'Power Maths' scheme to develop their understanding of the four operations helping them to choose the most appropriate, efficient way of solving problems. It is imperative that their number facts knowledge is fluent so please ensure that you support them in learning their multiplication and division tables and number bonds at home.

Science

To link with our work on the Americas we will be studying animal adaptation and evolution. Unfortunately we cannot take the children to America but we will be participating in a workshop on interdependence, adaptation and evolution at the Museum of Zoology in Cambridge on Wednesday 10th October.

P.E. and Games

Friday is our set P.E. day. Your child must have a Hartford P.E. kit available in school for their P.E.

Please make sure that they have an indoor and outdoor kit available. Outdoor kit must be appropriate for the weather and the children must have a pair of trainers that are only for P.E. as we will be running around a muddy field! A plastic bag to put the trainers in is a good idea too. Indoor kit must be shorts for when we do gymnastics and use the equipment.

Homework Matters

This year, in addition to the expected daily reading at home, homework will take the form of a weekly maths sheet and grammar sheet to complete. Homework folders are sent home on a Tuesday and need to be handed in on the following Tuesday, as they will be marked in class on Tuesday afternoons.

Spelling is still important but instead of learning a list of words for a weekly test, we are encouraging children to practise the lists of words given to them at the beginning of term. You will also find this list in the Reading Record book in which your child should be noting what they have read each day, along with a comment which shows the main thing they have read about.

Please discuss the homework with your children — it really helps their motivation! The termly 'whole-school' homework project will be set before half term and is due back just before Christmas, date to be confirmed.



Diary Dates

Trip to Cambridge Museums	Wednesday 10th October (all day)
St Peter's Year 6 open evening	Tuesday 2nd October (6-8pm)
Hinchingbrooke Year 6 open evening	Wednesday 4th October (6-9pm)
Kingswood parent information evening	Wednesday 10th October (6pm)

Homework projects due in	Friday 30th November
Homework projects displayed	Wednesday 5th December

Half term
22nd – 26th October

Kingswood Residential and Activities Week
29th October – 2nd November

Harvest assembly	9am Thursday 11th October
Sycamore Class assembly	9am Thursday 18th October
School photos	Wednesday 14th November
Pine Class assembly	9am Thursday 15th November
Open evenings	Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th November
School disco	Wednesday 5th December (5-6.30pm)



Christmas Holidays
Thursday 20th December –
Friday 4th January 2019

Look out for news of this term's fundraising events organised by the 'Friends of Hartford Juniors' and the school council.

Thank you!

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The teachers this year are Mrs Woodcock in Sycamore Class, Mrs McDonnell in Pine Class and Mrs Pateman in Birch Class. Mrs Lacey and Mr Logan support in Birch Class. Teacher planning and preparation (PPA) will be on a Friday afternoon.

Year 6 is always a very busy year as the children complete their Key Stage 2 education and prepare for the move to their secondary school. Below you can see some of the expectations and work we will be covering this term.

'Top of the School'

These children are now the role models for the rest of the school and so there is an expectation of good manners at all times. Behaviour must be of a high standard and we will be looking for and helping the children to have high expectations of themselves. This fits in with our school's ethos of Effort, Encouraging and Excellence.

Blue Cards

You may hear the children talking about receiving 'signatures' on their blue cards - this is a scheme to promote the values of responsibility and independence that we particularly encourage in Year 6. The children may receive a bronze, silver or gold badge throughout the year to indicate their level of success.