Year 6 Newsletter

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Welcome back! We hope you and your children had a wonderful summer break. We look forward to supporting the children as they demonstrate positive behaviour, determination and hard work throughout the year. As always, please don't hesitate to contact the Year 6 team if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning or progress. We are here to work together to make this a successful and enjoyable year for your child.

Reading

This term, our reading lessons will focus on extract study where we will explore a different extract each week to develop a range of reading skills. We will explore vocabulary, use read-aloud and think-aloud strategies to consider authorial intent and impact on the reader, and complete focused comprehension activities targeting specific reading domains. Children will also regularly complete unseen comprehensions, giving them opportunities to apply the skills they have learned independently and develop confidence when approaching unfamiliar texts.

Writing



This half term, we will develop our writing skills through a setting description inspired by the Explorer novel, using this opportunity to consolidate and apply key KS2 grammar features, including varied sentence structures, expanded noun phrases and figurative language. We will then move on to writing a formal letter linked to Macbeth, with a particular focus on selecting ambitious, high-level vocabulary carefully to suit the purpose, audience and desired impact on the reader.

Maths

This half term, we are consolidating our arithmetic skills, with a particular focus on place value and securing efficient methods for the four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division—including work with decimals. Weekly arithmetic tests will provide regular opportunities to practise key skills, improve accuracy and speed, and build confidence and fluency.

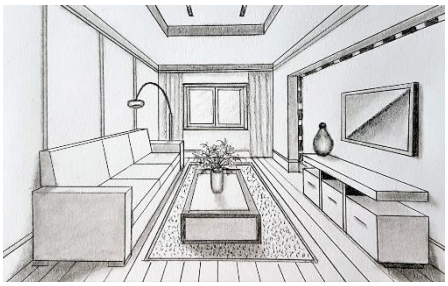
History



In history, we will be learning about World War II. The children will explore how the war began, examining the key causes and events that led to the conflict. We will also study significant battles and turning points, gaining an understanding of how the war progressed and its impact on people and countries involved.

Science

This term, Year 6 will be exploring the properties of light. We will learn how humans see objects and understand that light travels in straight lines, while also discovering how it can change direction when reflected from a surface. The children will explore how light changes direction as it moves between different materials, learning to explain how refraction occurs. Using this knowledge, they will investigate how shadows are formed, applying their understanding of how light travels to explain everyday phenomena.



Art

In this unit, we will be learning to draw using one-point perspective. We will examine a range of photographs to identify how perspective is used and will explore the work of different artists. We will then practice their skills by drawing different scenes and reflect on own artwork and that of others, discussing what we like and what makes our pieces effective.

P.E

In PE, Year 6 will be learning football and dodgeball skills. They will develop their passing, dribbling, dodging, and teamwork, while also learning the basic rules of each game. Lessons will focus on improving coordination, spatial awareness, and strategic thinking through fun and active drills and mini-games.

Star of the Week

We look forward to our celebration assembly every Friday in school. Star of the week certificates are given out each week linked to our school values.



Thank you for your continued support

The Year 6 Team