

Year 6 Half-Termly Newsletter - Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope all the children have had a restful half-term break and are ready to get back to lots of learning at school during the busy autumn term leading up to Christmas. It was lovely to chat to parents during parents' evening before half-term, discussing your child's progress and how they've settled into Year 6. We have another busy half-term ahead with lots to look forward to including autumn and Christmas events!

Year 6 Team

Mrs Ben-Ali - Mondays, Tuesday mornings, Wednesdays and Fridays

Mrs Reid - Tuesday afternoons and Thursdays

Mrs Stankowski - Teaching Assistant

The Year 6 Curriculum

Your child will be bringing home this half term's knowledge organisers by the end of this week. Please do use them at home as part of your child's homework, to support your child's learning in these subjects using the activities suggested, as well as encouraging your child to take part in independent practice using these invaluable resources.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home at least five times a week. Accelerated Reader letters will soon be sent home, which enable parents to log-in and check their child's progress. Each time your child finishes a book at home they should follow this up with a quiz in school to increase their word count and work towards their next milestone. We recommend at least 20 minutes of reading a day for the children to get the most out of this programme.



Other Home Learning

Pupils should continue to access Times Table Rock Stars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily.



The children will receive spelling lists within the next week which are in-line with our new spelling scheme. Please support your children to practise these in preparation for the weekly test.

The children will continue to receive weekly worksheets to practise new learning we are covering in class. This will be given out on Wednesdays and due in the following Monday. Please encourage your child to complete this independently. If your child finds the homework difficult, you could write a note on the sheet or the children can come and let one of us know and we will spend some time going over it in class.

PE

PE will be on **Fridays** so please ensure your child comes into school every Friday in their PE kit, which should consist of a white PE t-shirt, navy shorts/jogging bottoms and navy sweatshirt/hoodie with black or white trainers or school shoes. This half term, PE will be indoors, therefore the children can also bring in pumps, which can be kept in school in a PE bag on their



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peg. If not, they can have bare feet for these lessons. If there are any changes in terms of timetabling for PE, this will be communicated via Seesaw.

Please see this term's home learning menu for ideas for your next project. We will dedicate time at the end of the half term to share and celebrate any work completed from the menu.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Ben-Ali

Year 6 Curriculum Map

In the second autumn term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths we will mainly be learning about fractions, including simplifying fractions, solving word problems, and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will also be continuing to convert units of measure.	English In English, we are studying a version of Hansel and Gretel, which will enable the children to write descriptive settings and dual narratives. We will also be continuing with our Reading Spine book at the end of the day and reading a novel called Letters from the Lighthouse during Whole Class Guided Reading.	RE In RE, our title is 'How do Christians prepare for Christmas?' In this unit, we will be exploring what advent is, when it is and how Christians prepare and celebrate advent in church.
History In History, we will be learning about The Suffragettes and the campaign for women's suffrage in Britain. We will be looking at democracy during the 19th century and how parties campaigned for women's' rights.	Geography In Geography, we will be focusing on British geographical issues and how all pollution is harmful to people, plants and animals. We will also study climate change and how this affects places in the UK.	Science In Science this half term we will be learning all about electricity. We will explore how electricity carries energy, which can be converted to heat and light energy and where electricity comes from. We will also explore how the number of cells affect the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer in a circuit.
PE This half term we will be moving onto gymnastics in PE, where the children will be working in groups to produce sequences involving rolls, formations, pathways and changes in direction, level and speed.	Art We are learning about Art in the Italian Renaissance, including looking at works by Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. The children will be drawing scenes using perspective, creating designs on plaster and using oil pastels to show light and shade.	PSHE Our Heart Smart topics are 'Don't forget to Let Love in' and 'Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy', where we will look at our similarities and differences, and consider the benefits and dangers of social media.
Computing Webpage creation - the children will be identifying what makes a good webpage and using this information to design and evaluate their own websites.	Curriculum Dates for the Diary: Monday 18th November Young Shakespeare Company perform <i>A Twelfth Night</i> Wednesday 11th December Money Management (afternoon) DT Day (Cooking) TBC	DT Seasonal Soup - the children will be learning about seasonal vegetables and using this knowledge to plan, make and evaluate a seasonal soup.



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Year 6 Home Learning Menu

Geography: British Geographical Issues

Ready to Report

Become a weather presenter!

Report about weather conditions around the UK.

This could be current weather conditions, or those from a day last year (Feb/March 2020) when there was severe flooding around the UK.

You could use a green screen app on your tablet and record yourself!



Be a Poet

Get creative and write some thoughtful poetry linked to climate change in any format and style you like. Think about how you will present your poem and how you could illustrate it.



Time to Teach

How can we reverse climate change? What can we do to repair the damage already caused?

Can you teach the rest of the school about this and tell them how they can help?

Create a PowerPoint presentation and prepare to present it to the rest of the school!

Reason to Research

Research climate change and the affect this has on different environments around the world.

What is causing climate change?

What does this mean for the plants and animals living in these places?

What can be done to help these environments?

Create a poster to inform people.

Write a letter to the government informing them about climate change and the effects human activity has on planet earth. Include an argument as to why the government need to do something to help reverse the effects of climate change before it is too late.



You Choose!

Explore the topic however you wish and create a project in your own way.