

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 6

Autumn 2026 Newsletter



I hope that you all had a lovely summer break and that you and your family have enjoyed some fun times together over the holiday! It is lovely to welcome the children back for the start of the new school year. Each term we will be sending out an information letter similar to this one, which will provide you with details of our upcoming learning. I very much look forward to working with you and your children during their time in Year 6.

English

In English, plenty of opportunity is provided for children to develop their writing skills through units that stimulate creativity, whilst at the same time ensuring progression in grammar and punctuation skills. Both our reading and writing units are inspired by rich, high-quality texts. In the first half of the autumn term, Year 6 will focus on fiction writing, specifically flashback stories, inspired by the text, *'Star of Fear, Star of Hope'* by Jo Hoestlandt. Alongside this, our reading unit is based around the book, *'When we were Warriors'* by Emma Carroll. In the second half of the autumn term (linking in with our Geography topic on North America), both our reading and writing units will be focused around *'The Place for Me: Stories About the Windrush Generation'* by Dame Floella Benjamin et. al. Our writing unit will explore recounts, explanations and information texts. Spelling rules and patterns are taught in separate units and children are encouraged to apply existing and new spelling skills when writing.



Maths

In maths, we follow the mastery approach - teaching the subject in small achievable steps. Techniques to support learning include use of CPA approaches (concrete, pictorial and abstract), mathematical talk, variation in questioning, games and investigations. In the first term, we focus on the following topics: understanding place value; selecting effective mental calculation strategies; fractions, decimals and percentages; the formal written methods of short multiplication and division and properties of shapes, including parallelograms. Additional sessions for maths retrieval and fluency support our main lessons.



Science

In our first unit on **Light**, we will be looking at how light travels and developing our understanding of how we see things. Following this, we will explore the classification system and discover all about micro-organisms as part of our unit, **Living Things and their Habitats**.



History & Geography

Our first topic this term is entitled: **'Keep Calm & Carry On'**. In this history topic, we will be discovering what led to the outbreak of **World War II**, finding out who was involved and exploring the impact that the war had on those living in Britain. In the second half of the autumn term, we will be 'crossing the Atlantic' as we find out all about **North America**. In this geography topic, we will be learning about the countries that make up the continent and discovering more about the physical and human geography of the region. We will also be developing our map skills.



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Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will focus on the religions of Islam and Christianity. Firstly, we will discover how *tawhid* creates a sense of belonging in the Muslim community, before investigating the Christian belief that Jesus is God incarnate.



Art & Design & Technology

We begin the year with a D&T **textiles** project, in which the children will have the opportunity to design their own bags. In the second half of the autumn term, our art project will allow the children to put their creative design skills into practice through the use of **photography**.

Physical Education & Relationships and Health Education

PE lessons will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** this term. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. During the first half term, Year 6 will focus on **dance** (with a World War 2 theme) and on **teamwork and collaboration** with Mrs. Small. In the second half term, our units will be **tennis** and **health related exercise**. Within Relationships and Health Education, our first unit is entitled '*Being Me in My World*' and our second is all about '*Celebrating Difference*'.



Computing

Across the course of this term, we will learn about **Networks** and how they connect devices. Following this, we explore the concept of **Binary**, before moving on to become **Data Detectives**.

Music & French

In music, the children will be learning about **Music Technology** and will later be developing their **Ensemble Skills**. French lessons are taught by Mrs. Daniell and are always practical, fun and engaging.



Further information

Home Learning: There are some very simple but effective tasks that, if carried out on a regular basis at home, can have a significant impact on your child's learning. Please see our brand-new home learning booklets for everything you need to know regarding how best to support your child at home.

What to Bring: Children will need a **named water bottle** and may also wish to bring a healthy snack for break-times. In Year 6 they are also invited to bring their own **pencil cases** (although standard stationery equipment will be provided). In addition, children will need to bring their home/school reading book to and from school each day.

Other Information: Year 6 will enter through the **KS2 porch** in the **morning** and leave via the **Year 6 outside door** in the **afternoon**. Please see the separate letter about walking to/home from school independently.

KS2 National Tests: The KS2 National Tests (often known as SATs) will take place from Monday 10th to Thursday 13th May 2026. Further information regarding these tests will be shared as the year progresses.

Thank you so much for the key role you play in supporting your children with their learning. We are looking forward to a brilliant term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

Miss Broomfield (Year 6 teacher)

Mr Dean (Year 6 teaching assistant)

