

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



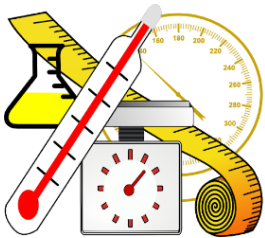
Year 6 Autumn 2021 Newsletter



I hope very much that you have all had a lovely summer break and that you and your family have managed to enjoy some good 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 leaflet 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.

English

In English this term, we begin with a study of a book linked to our World War 2 theme, called *'Our Castle by the Sea'* by Lucy Strange. We will also look at persuasive writing and vocabulary building through poetry, as well as enjoying a second book study later in the term. **Grammar** skills are incorporated into the teaching of writing, but may also take place in standalone grammar lessons. In addition, we will be carrying out daily whole class **Guided Reading** sessions and a number of short **spelling** sessions each week based around the *Herts Essential Spelling* scheme. The children will also continue to develop their **handwriting** skills.



Maths

In Maths, we follow the *Herts Essential Maths* scheme, using other supporting resources alongside. Techniques to support learning include use of partner talk, games, investigations and CPA approaches (concrete, pictorial and abstract). 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 short **Maths Fluency** sessions work alongside the main lessons.

Science

In Science, we start by learning about **Light**, exploring themes such as how light travels, and developing our understanding of how we see things. In our second unit, we will learn about **Electricity**, including how to build a range of different circuits and represent them as diagrams.



History Topic

In Year 6, our first topic this term is **'Keep Calm & Carry On'**. In this History based topic, we will be discovering what led up to the outbreak of World War II, finding out who was involved and exploring what life was like for those on the home front.

In the second half-term, our topic will be called: **'History on Our Doorstep'**. In this topic, we will be exploring the history of Much Hadham through time, including finding out about the very interesting history of our school, using real historical sources.

(Geography Topics will be carried out after Christmas).



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Religious Education

In RE this year, we will be following an excellent new scheme called *The Emmanuel Project*. This term the children will begin by focusing on the religions of Christianity and Islam. We will explore the Christian belief that Jesus is God incarnate and will then look at how tawhid creates a sense of belonging in the Muslim community.

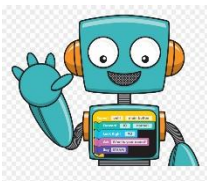


Art & Design & Technology

The first half of the term will have an Art focus. We will be working towards creating some Blitz skylines and other artwork linked to our World War 2 topic. In the second half of term, we will carry out a D&T project exploring different types of switches, linking in with our Science unit on Electricity.

Physical Education & Relationships and Health Education

PE lessons will take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** each week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. In the first half term, Year 6 will develop their basketball skills and will explore health related exercise. In the second half term, our units will cover football skills and gymnastics. For RHE, we continue to follow the *Jigsaw* scheme. Our first unit is entitled '*Being Me in My World*' and our second is all about '*Celebrating Difference*'.



Computing

This term, we begin with a focus on **Internet Safety** before moving on to a **Coding & Binary** unit later in the term. We follow the *Purple Mash* scheme for Computing.

Music & French

In Music, we will continue to follow our excellent new music scheme, *Charanga*. Our first unit is called: '*Happy*' and is based around songs on this theme. Our second unit focuses on '*Classroom Jazz*'.

For French, we follow a scheme called *Mr French*. Our two units this term are: '*In the Café*' and '*Daily Routine*'.



Further information

Please continue to encourage your child to **read regularly at home**. This is essential to support their learning and progress across the whole curriculum. In Year 6, children may read to themselves when confident, but in many cases it can be very helpful for them to continue to keep reading out loud too. If you hear your child read or observe them reading to themselves, it would be helpful if you could initial a record of this in their planner. Spelling & Maths homework tasks will continue to be set via **Microsoft Teams** on a Thursday and should be handed in by Tuesday. Occasionally, one of these tasks may be replaced by a homework task for another subject.

Children will need a **named water bottle** in school each day. They may also wish to bring a healthy snack for break-times. 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

