

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 6

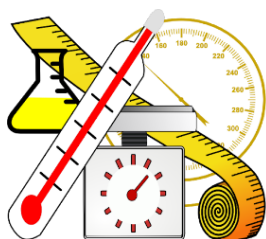
Autumn 2023 Newsletter



I hope that you have 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 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 during Year 6.

English

In English, we are excited to be starting the year with a unit of **poetry** across the school. The aim of these units is to immerse the children in rich vocabulary and language that will inspire them and demonstrate how words can evoke emotion from the reader at every level. In Year 6, we will be exploring the book '*Poems the Wind Blew in*' by Karmelo C. Iribarren. Moving forward, we are currently updating the texts taught across the school. These will be detailed in our long-term plans when they are published on the class pages of our website over the next few weeks. The teaching of **reading, writing, grammar, punctuation** and **spelling** will be embedded within the English units. We also carry out additional spelling sessions based on the *Herts Essential Spelling* scheme, as well as continuing to develop confidence in handwriting style.



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 will start by finding out about **Living Things and Their Habitats**, where we will explore the classification system and find out all about micro-organisms. In our second unit, we will learn about **Light**. We will be looking at how light travels and developing further, our understanding of how we see things.



History Topic

Our first topic this term is '**Keep Calm & Carry On**'. In this history based topic, we will be discovering what led to the outbreak of World War II, finding out who was involved and exploring how the lives of those on the home front were impacted.

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, which will include finding out about the very interesting history of our school using real historical sources.

(We switch to a focus on geography topics after Christmas).



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Religious Education

In RE, we follow an excellent scheme called *The Emmanuel Project*. This term, the children will begin by focusing on the religions of Islam and Christianity. Firstly, we will discover how tawhid creates a sense of belonging in the Muslim community, before exploring the Christian belief that Jesus is God incarnate.

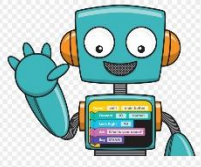


Art & Design & Technology

The first half of the term will have an art focus. We will be studying the work of Henry Moore as an official war artist and developing our **drawing** skills to create scenes on the theme of the Blitz. In the second half of term, we will carry out a D&T project based around **textiles**, where the children will learn skills for combining different fabric shapes and will use this to create a product.

Physical Education & Relationships and Health Education

PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** each week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. In the first half term, Year 6 will focus on **tag rugby** skills and **gymnastics**. In the second half term, our units will be **handball** and **athletics**. 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 **Online Safety and Blogging** before moving on to a **Networks** unit later in the term. We follow the *Purple Mash* scheme for computing.

Music & French

In music, we are looking forward to starting the exciting new 'Sing Up' Scheme. Our first unit is entitled '*Hey Mr Miller*' and links in with our World War 2 topic. Our second music unit is entitled '*Shadows*'.



Year 6 will continue to learn French, which will be taught by Mrs. Daniell.



Further information

In Year 6, we encourage the following home tasks to support the learning the children are doing in school:

-Regular reading at home. This is essential for supporting the children's learning and progress across the whole curriculum. In Year 6, children may read to themselves, where confident, but it can be very helpful for them to continue to keep reading aloud too. A good, achievable aim is to attempt to read at least a chapter at a time, at least three times in the week and once at the weekend. Further information will follow, regarding recording of reading.

- A maths task & suggestions for spelling practice will be set via **Microsoft Teams** on a Thursday, to be handed in by Tuesday. Occasionally, one of these tasks may be replaced by a home learning task for another subject. Copies of homework tasks will be available on paper for those unable to access Teams.

Children will need a **named water bottle** in school each day. This year they are also invited to bring their own **pencil cases** (although standard stationery equipment will be provided). They may also wish to bring a healthy snack for break-times. Year 6 will enter through the **KS2 porch** in the **morning** and leave via the **Year 6 outside door** in the **afternoon**. Thank you so much for all you do 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)

Mrs Zenonos & Mr Dean (teaching assistants)

