

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



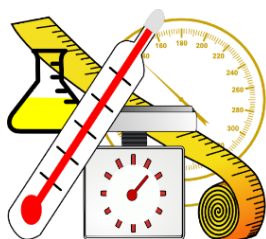
## Year 6 Autumn 2024 Newsletter



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 follow the *CLPE* scheme and are excited to start the year by studying the picture book: *'The Journey'* by Francesca Sanna. In this story, a mother and her children set out on a journey filled with fear of the unknown but also with great hope. The book explores some important themes and provides some excellent opportunities for creative writing. In the second half-term we will enjoy a more extended novel: *'Rooftoppers'* by Katherine Rundell. The teaching **of reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling** is embedded within the English units. Further opportunities for development of reading, spelling, handwriting, grammar and punctuation skills are also weaved into our timetable. For spelling, we follow the *Herts Essential Spelling* scheme.



### 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, our first unit is **Living Things and their Habitats**, where we will explore the classification system and will 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 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-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 focus 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.

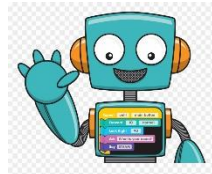


## Art & Design & Technology

This year we will be following an exciting new art & D&T scheme called '*Kapow*'. We begin with a **D&T** textiles project, in which the children will have the opportunity to design an item of clothing. In the second half-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 **Tuesday** and **Friday** 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 **basketball** and **dance** (with a WW2 theme). In the second half term, our units will be **athletics and gymnastics** (sequences). 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 excited to be following the new Charanga scheme, which is based on the government's model music curriculum. Our units this term will focus on **music technology** and **developing ensemble skills**.

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



## Further information

**Home Learning:** There are some very simple but effective tasks that, if done on a regular basis at home, can help make a real difference to your child's learning. [Please see the separate home learning pack](#) for further information regarding how you can help support your child at home.

**What to Bring:** Children will need a **named water bottle** in school each day 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). They will also need ensure that their home/school reading book comes 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 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Further information will be shared about these tests 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)

Mrs Godfrey (Year 6 teaching assistant)

