

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



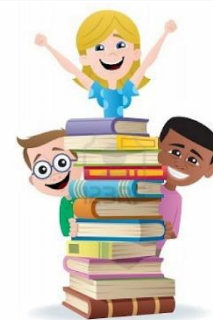
## Year 6 Spring 2022 Newsletter



Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope that you have been able to have a lovely Christmas break and that you and your families have managed to enjoy some special times together. Mr Dean and I would like to take this opportunity to express a huge thank you for the lovely cards and gifts we received. Thank you also for the ongoing support you give with your children's learning. As we enter this new term, I hope that this newsletter will be helpful in building a picture of some of the exciting learning we will be doing.

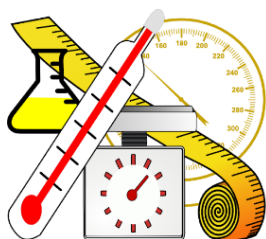
### English

In English we will begin by looking at report writing through the study of the brilliant book, *'Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You'*. We will also continue to develop our narrative writing skills through a **fiction genres** unit. In addition, we will be developing our vocabulary building skills through **poetry**. **Grammar** skills will continue to be incorporated into the teaching of writing and regular whole class **Guided Reading** and **spelling sessions** will run alongside the English lessons



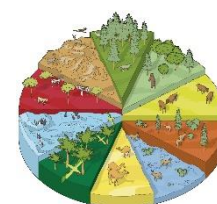
### Maths

In Maths this term, we will be covering the following topics: area, properties of shape; the order of operations and algebra; long division; perimeter; angles; multiplying & dividing fractions; ratio & proportion and volume & measures. Additional short **Maths Fluency** sessions will continue alongside the main lessons. You can continue to support your child at home by encouraging them to regularly practise their multiplication facts or by using the revision books (recommended last term) for additional practise on topics they may have found a bit more tricky.



### Science

Our Science unit this term is **Living Things & Their Habitats**. Some parts of this unit will link in very nicely with our Geography topic on **North & South America**. (See below for more information).



### Geography & History Topics

This term the children will be encouraged, in our Geography lessons, to *'take the trip of a lifetime'* to **'North and South America'**. In this topic, we will be learning about the countries that make up the two continents and finding out more about some of the physical geography of the region. We will also be learning about some of the particularly interesting locations within them, whilst at the same time developing our map skills.

In the second half-term, we will remain in the same part of the world, but will travel back in time as we find out all about **Mayan Civilization** through our History topic.

Both of the above are brand new, exciting topics for Year 6 and we are looking forward to using our new Geography scheme, Oddizzi.



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## Religious Education

In RE we continue to follow our new scheme, *The Emmanuel Project*, which generated some excellent thinking and discussion from the children last term. This term, we focus on the religions of **Hinduism** and **Christianity**. In the first half-term, we will explore how fundamental beliefs within Hinduism affect the way Hindus live their lives. In the second half-term we focus on exploring the idea of the trinity within Christianity.

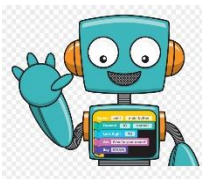


## Art & Design & Technology

A D&T project with a textiles focus will be carried out in the first half-term and will be based around combining fabric shapes. Our Art project in the second half-term will have a focus on Mayan Art, linking in with our History topic.

## Physical Education & Relationships and Health Education

Mrs. Small will continue to teach PE & RHE this term. PE will take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** each week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. (Mrs. Small will share more information with the children relating to PE units on their return to school). For RHE, we continue to follow the *Jigsaw* scheme. Our first unit is entitled '*Dreams and Goals*' and our second is '*Healthy Me*'.



## Computing

This term, we begin with a focus on **Spreadsheets** before moving on to a **Quizzing** unit later in the term. We follow the *Purple Mash* scheme for Computing.

## Music & French

In Music, we will continue to use our excellent new music scheme, *Charanga*. We will start with some 'Classroom Jazz' before moving on to a unit called '*You've Got a Friend*'.

In French the children have recently started lessons with their new teacher, our expert French speaker, Mrs Daniell.



## 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 wonderful if you could record this in their planner by writing your initials. 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 another brilliant term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness**.

Miss Broomfield

