

# Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



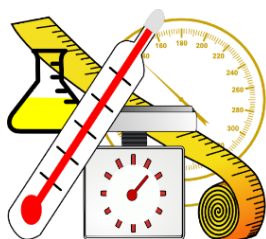
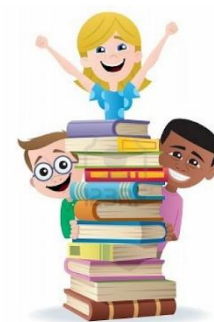
## Year 6 Spring 2025 Newsletter



Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you have been able to have a lovely Christmas break and that you and your families were able to enjoy some special times together. Mrs. Godfrey and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we received. Thank you also, for your ongoing support 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 continue to develop our reading and writing skills through exploring two separate books. Linking in with our Geography topic on North and Central America, we begin by looking at a book of traditional tales, entitled: *'Tales of the Caribbean'* by Trish Cooke. Later in the term, our learning will be based around a beautifully illustrated non-fiction book called: *'Suffragette: the Battle for Equality'* by David Roberts. The children will have the opportunity to work at a number of different writing tasks inspired by the books. They will also continue to develop their grammar, handwriting and spelling skills.



### Maths

In maths this term, we will be covering the following topics: calculating percentages, properties of shape; the order of operations and algebra; long division; perimeter; angles; reflection and translation; multiplying & dividing fractions; ratio & proportion and volume & measures. Additional short **maths fluency** sessions will continue alongside the main lessons. It is important that children continue to practise their times table facts at home as these feed into so many areas of maths and can quickly be forgotten if not regularly rehearsed. Children may also wish to use revision books for additional practice (further information to follow on these soon).

### Science

Our science focus this term is **'Electricity'**. We will be investigating different types of circuits and learning to use the correct scientific symbols in circuit diagrams.



### Geography & History Topics

In geography, the children will be 'Crossing the Atlantic' as they find out all about **North America**. In this topic, we will be learning about the countries that make up the continent and finding out more about the physical and human geography of the region. We will also be developing our map skills.



In the second half-term, we will travel back in time to discover more about the ancient **Mayan Civilization** through our history topic.

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## Religious Education

In RE we continue to follow our scheme, *The Emmanuel Project*, which has generated some excellent thinking and discussion from the children. This term, Year 6 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. RE will be taught by Mrs. Cole.

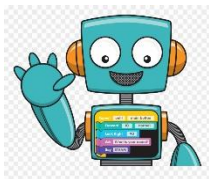


## Art & Design & Technology

In the first half-term, we will be investigating **structures** within D&T - before designing and making our own playgrounds. Our art project in the second half-term will focus on **drawing skills** and the unit is entitled '*Making My Voice Heard*'.

## Physical Education & Relationships and Health Education

PE will continue to take place on **Tuesday** and **Friday** each week. Thank you for helping to ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. During the winter months, they will need suitable warm clothes. In PE this term, our units include hockey (Quicksticks), health-related exercise, gymnastics (matching and mirroring) and handball. For RHE, we continue to follow the *Jigsaw* scheme. Our first unit is entitled '*Dreams and Goals*' and our second is '*Healthy Me*'.



## Computing

In computing, Year 6 will start by creating their own **text adventures** (based around traditional tales) and will later explore how **spreadsheets** can be used effectively for **data handling**.

## Music & French

In music, our units this term will be based around '**Creative Composition**' and how '**Musical Styles Connect Us**'.

In French, the children continue to enjoy lessons with Mrs. Daniell. Learning takes place through a combination of oral practice, written activities, games and songs.



## Further information

**Home Learning:** Please see [the separate home learning pack](#) for further information regarding how you can continue to help support your child at home. Regular reading, spelling and times table practice can have a significant impact in so many areas of learning.

**What to Bring:** Children will continue 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** if they would like to. They will also need ensure that their home/school reading book comes to and from school each day. Please encourage your child to look after any school reading books so that others can also enjoy them.

**Other Information:** Year 6 enter through the **KS2 porch** in the **morning** and leave via the **Year 6 outside door** in the **afternoon**.

**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.