

Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Year 6 parents/carers,

Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1

Message from the teachers

Welcome to Year 6! We are all so excited to begin what is sure to be a very memorable year for you all. There is so much to look forward to this year such as the residential trip (PGL), end of year production, SATs, prefect roles and a whole heap of interesting new learning along the way. This letter will give you an idea of some of the lessons your child can look forward to during the first half term.

Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

Year 6 Staffing

Aspen class teacher: Mr Hackman

Elm class teacher: Mrs Pankhania

Meranti class teacher: Mr Coren

Year 6 learning support assistants: Mrs Clarke, Mrs Gaffney, Miss Merrick, Mrs Sehmi, Mrs Skull and Mrs Thomas

Communication

You can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

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Homework

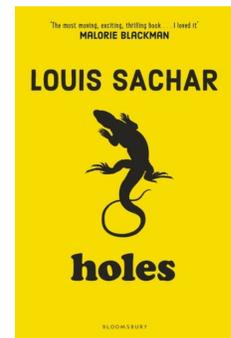
Homework, along with answers, will be emailed to parents every Monday, starting next week.

Autumn Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

English

Year 6 will be using 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as a focus text this half term. We will create 'finding tale' stories based on Holes, where a main character discovers a mysterious item that has unusual consequences. Following this, we will be writing an explanation text linked to Camp Green Lake, the main setting of Holes, where the children will create their own setting and explain its main features.



Mathematics

In maths this half term, year 6 will be consolidating their knowledge of place value up to 10 million and including decimal places as far as thousandths. Then, we will be using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to solve calculations including long-multiplication, long-division and word problems e.g.

Three pupils are asked to estimate the answer to the sum $4243 + 1734$.

Andrew says, 'To the nearest 100, the answer will be 5900!'

Bilal says, 'To the nearest 50, the answer will be 6000!'

Cheng says, 'To the nearest 10, the answer will be 5970!'

Do you agree with Andrew, Bilal or Cheng?

Can you explain their reasoning?

Science

The year 6 science unit this term is titled 'Everything Changes'. The focus of this unit is on adaptation and evolution: how plants and animals become adapted to thrive within their environments, how mutations and adaptations improve the chances of survival and how this causes the evolution of species over time. We will also explore the lives of some of the scientists important to the theories of adaptation and evolution, namely Charles Darwin and Mary Anning.

History

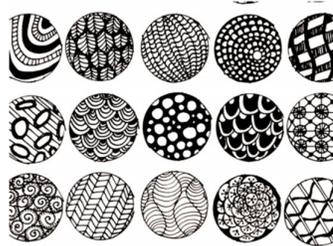
'Impact of War' is the title for the year 6 history unit this half term. Year 6 will be exploring the key events of the two World Wars with a focus on different groups of people, including life as a soldier, life as a woman and the experiences of evacuee children.

Art and Design

In art this term, Year 6 will be practice blending paints to create their own Impressionist style watercolour based on 'The Japanese Footbridge' by Claude Monet. We will also be looking at the repeating patterns of zentangles and will attempt to create our own zentangles using print techniques.



Claude Monet - The Japanese Footbridge



Zentangle Patterns

Physical Education

The two P.E. units in year 6 this half term are 'Step to the Beat' and 'Gym Sequence'. Step to the Beat is our fitness unit and the children will have fun creating their own step exercise routine all set to music. Gym Sequence is the sport unit this half term and focuses on flexibility and balance, requiring the children to consider symmetry of positions and balances and begin to include a variety of rolls within their own routines. P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please send your child to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

Year 6 Meranti class will be attending swimming lessons at William Penn leisure centre on Friday afternoons. The other year 6 classes will have swimming in the spring or summer terms.

French

The year 6 French unit this half term is 'Portraits'. The children will learn vocabulary to describe different aspects of their appearance, including the colour of their hair and eyes as well as words relating to their personality and characteristics.

Religious Education

Year 6 will be learning ways in which people can show commitment to God within the Islamic faith. The unit encourages the children to question the importance of commitment and how affective celebrations and rituals are at demonstrating this commitment.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Being Me' is the first PSHE unit, where the children will look forward to the year ahead and make appropriate goals that they would like to achieve, and consider the obstacles that may concern them. They will then be introduced to the universal rights of the child and use these discussions to contribute to the creation of a whole class charter.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr Coren, Mr Hackman and Mrs Pankhania