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Dear Year 6 parents/carers,

Year 6 Curriculum Letter – Spring (1st half)

Message from the teachers

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Year 6 for their progress during the autumn term. Your behaviour, attitude and resilience has been outstanding throughout and you have worked extremely hard in the lead up to the winter break. This curriculum letter will outline the lesson topics for this half term, and all that we have to enjoy before the February half term break.

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 Coren

Beech class teacher: Mrs Lindsay

Year 6 learning support assistants: Mrs Skull and Mrs Thomas

Year 6 Higher Learning Teaching Assistant: Mrs Marks

Communication

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

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beechclass@harefieldjunior.com

Homework

Homework for Year 6 will be set via Doodle Learning every Friday. Each child has their own login and password in order to complete Mathematics, English, Times Tables and Spellings homework each week via computer, tablet or phone. These need to be completed by the following Friday. If your child requires their login information, please contact your class teacher.

We have also subscribed to [Bug Club](#) online reading and [Mathletics](#) online maths activities.

Pupils require their own log ins for these websites. Please contact the school office if you need to be reminded what your child's log in details are.

We will be sending new books home every Monday. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

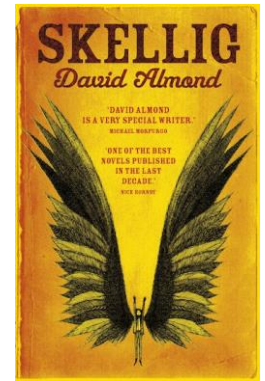
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Spring Term Learning

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

English

Year 6 will be using 'Skellig' by David Almond as a focus text this half term. We will use this text to create a 'Meeting Tale', where two characters meet one another using different levels of formality to develop character background. Following this, we will be writing information texts linked to the topic of mythical creatures, which ties in nicely with the focus text.



Mathematics

In Maths this half term, Year 6 will be building on from fractions by learning a new topic, focusing on ratio. Following this, we will also be using algebraic skills to look at forming expressions before moving onto solving more complex equations. Finally, children will be develop their understanding of decimals by finding numbers within 1, rounding and multiplying whole numbers by decimals.

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$b + 7 = 18$	$\times 6.5$ → 1 Decimal Place
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Science

The Year 6 Science unit this term is titled 'Nature Library'. The focus of this unit is exploring how to classify plants and animals based on their biology and characteristics, e.g. vertebrates and invertebrates. We will explore what micro-organisms are and grow our own, which we will then investigate using our scientific enquiry skills.

History



The Maya Civilisation is the History topic for Year 6 this term. In this unit, the children will explore the world of the Mayans. They will debate whether they should continue to be remembered today as a significant culture through comparing the modern and ancient people, and understand why the civilisation began to decline in the 10th Century.

Art and Design

In Art and Design this half term, Year 6 will be exploring art with a message in the unit 'Make My Voice Heard'. Children will look at the famous 'Guernica' by Picasso and the confronting works of Käthe Kollwitz. Through the mediums of graffiti, drawing, painting and sculpture, they will create their own artworks that speak to the viewer.



Physical Education

The P.E. unit this half term is 'Dynamic Dance'. Dynamic Dance is based on break dancing and requires the children to build their own dance routines using movements shared by the famous dance group 'Diversity'. Both Year 6 classes will have their PE session on a Friday. Please ensure children come in to school wearing weather appropriate clothing in line with the school uniform.

On Wednesday afternoons this half term, Aspen class will be going swimming.

Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each Wednesday afternoon for Beech Class this half term. The children will be given opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

French

This term, Year 6 will be learning about the French unit 'Let's Go Shopping'. The children will learn about the shopping experience in France along with key phrases that may be required when going shopping.

Religious Education

Year 6 will be learning about 'Creation Stories' this half term, where they will learn a range of creation stories from world religions, less known or extinct religions as well as different cultures. They will sequence, compare and contrast the stories throughout the unit.

Music

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Wednesday to teach Year 6 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the ukulele.



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Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Dreams and Goals' is the next PSHE unit, where Year 6 will discuss their strengths and the importance of setting challenging but realistic goals for themselves. They will then explore the steps that are required to achieve their goals, whilst pre-empting what barriers they may come across along the way. Finally, we will discuss how our opportunities are different to those less fortunate and learn to empathise with those that are suffering or living in difficult situations.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr Coren and Mrs Lindsay
Year 6 teachers