

*Year Six  
Curriculum  
Newsletter  
Spring 1*



### Dates for your diary:

- Half-term - school closes February 9th and re-opens February 19th
- Open Morning - Wednesday 10th January
- Parents' Meeting about Sex and Relationship Education - Thursday 11th January 5:30pm
- Tuesday 16th January - Parents' Meeting about Key Stage 2 SATs 6pm until 7pm

This half-term, Year 6 will be learning...

### English

Children will be reading a range of texts including Goodnight, Mr Tom (Set 1), Letters from the Lighthouse (Set 2) and Holes (Set 3). They will be covering a range of genres of writing including persuasion, non-chronological reports, letters and narratives.

Please continue to encourage your child to read as much as possible as this is one of the best ways to help improve writing. Children should record their reading on their independent reading log which they keep in school. These will be checked regularly.

Children receive weekly spellings which they should learn (children will have to complete a spelling, punctuation and grammar test in May!). These will be given out and tested each week.

### Mathematics

This half-term in maths, we are having a big push on TT Rock Stars and would like children to get online as much as possible. All pupils have their own log-ins and can access the website at [ttrackstars.com](http://ttrackstars.com)

### Science

Children will complete their work on light before moving on to the circulatory system. They will learn to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will recognise the

*impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.*

### Geography

*Children are continuing to learn about mountain environments. Children will learn more about where in the world they are. We will learn features of mountain environments, particularly those of Mount Snowdon. There will be opportunities for writing across the curriculum, as well as a chance to see original footage of the first successful expedition to the peak of Everest.*

### D.T.

*In this popular unit of work children will design and make their own soft toy. Children will learn about making accurate patterns and templates. They will develop making and finishing skills to enhance the quality of their soft toy.*

### R.E.

*We will be learning about initiation rites and rites of passage.*

### Computing

*Children will examine features of a web page to check for reliability of information. They will cross reference results by using different search engines and encyclopaedias. Children will become aware of bias in results and will work independently to use more than one search engine to find information on a topic.*

### French

*Children will be able to describe their home by learning and using the vocabulary for furniture and rooms. They will also learn how to use prepositions.*

## P.E

**Outdoor P.E. - Tennis** - Children will learn the skills required to play mini-tennis games. Through a range of drills and activities they will learn how to track a ball, move themselves into a good position to play both forehand and backhand tennis strokes and then apply these skills into game based situations.

**Indoor P.E.** - Once children have completed their unit of work on Dance, they will move on to **Gymnastics** - Children will create complex and well-executed sequences of movement that include a full range of movements including travelling, balances, swinging, springing, flight, vaults, inversions, rotations, bending, stretching and twisting. Children will also evaluate their own and other pupil's performances and suggest areas where they could be improved.

## Homework

Children receive Maths and English homework each week.

**English homework:** set Monday and returned Wednesday.

**Maths LBH homework:** set Fridays and tested Fridays.

**Spellings:** new spellings are given out every week.

**Homework club** runs every Tuesday (for English and Maths) until 4:15. If you would like your child to start attending, please ask Mrs Berry or Mr Thornton for a letter.

## PE

Children need to have their PE kit (white/blue polo shirt & white/blue shorts) on Tuesday & Friday. Please make sure all kit is clearly named. A tracksuit is needed for outdoor PE now the weather is colder.

## Pumps

Quite a few children do not have indoor shoes as they have outgrown their pumps. Please make sure your child has a pair of pumps for indoor use.

Please name all school uniform.

