

Year Six Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1



We hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and that the children are returning to school feeling refreshed and ready for action! We're looking forward to getting to know you all really well over the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please make contact with one of the Year 6 team.

Dates for your diary:

- We have planned a visit to **The National Coalmining Museum** on **October 8th**. This will support our work in History.
- School closes for October half term on **Friday 19th October** and re-opens on **Monday 29th October**.

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

English

We will be using a fiction text as a starting point for our learning in English.

Mrs Matthews' group - A Monster Calls

Mrs Berry - Letters from the Lighthouse

Mr Thornton - War Horse

We will be writing in a range of genres to begin to build a portfolio which will be used to determine attainment in Writing at the end of the year.

We encourage children to read as much as possible and children should complete their school reading log. If possible, please listen to your child read and allow them access to a wide range of texts. Any reading your child does will benefit them so from the sports reports in Sunday's papers to the depths of Harry Potter, every little helps!

Spellings are also really important as they contribute to their overall SPaG score in the SATs and can influence their attainment in writing. Children should all be bringing home their purple spelling books to learn weekly spellings.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be using our new Inspire Maths scheme of work! The books proved very popular (and successful!) in Key Stage 1 last year so we've decided to roll them out across Key Stage Two. If you'd like to find out more, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

Science - Living things and their habitats

Children will build on their learning about grouping living things by looking at classification in more detail. Through observations, they will classify animals into commonly found invertebrates and vertebrates. Children will describe and investigate helpful and harmful micro-organisms.

History

Children will be studying Britain Since 1948. We will look closely at migration, the miners' strike and changes in the lives of children since 1948. Our trip to The National Coalmining Museum will support this work.

Art - People in Action

In this unit children explore how to convey movement in their work. They look at how the idea of movement is shown in different kinds of art, such as photography, illustrations, cartoons, paintings, prints, and experiment with different methods and techniques to show movement.

R.E.

We will be learning about the sacred texts of a range of religions. These will include the Bible, The Qur'an and The Guru Granth Sahib.

Computing

This half-term we will be looking at spreadsheets. The children will use formulae to solve a range of real-life problems and will also get the chance to work within a budget!

P.E.

Ultimate Frisbee - Children will learn the skills necessary to play the invasion game Ultimate Frisbee. They will learn how to pass and catch a frisbee, create space when attacking and work with teammates to limit their opponent's score.

Basketball

Children will be able to use different techniques for passing, controlling, dribbling and shooting a basketball in games. They will apply basic principles of team play to keep possession of the ball; use marking and interception to improve their defence; play effectively as part of a team and begin to learn about positional play.

French - Les Sports

We will learn how to say different sports and be able to talk about our likes and dislikes of them. We will also learn the words for different parts of the body and we will revise adjectives of colour and size.

PSHE

This half-term we will be looking at how to be a good member of the community.

Homework

- Children will receive a piece of English homework each week.
- **English homework** is set on **Monday** and should be returned on **Wednesday**.
- New spellings are given out every **Friday** and are tested the following Friday, for Mrs Berry's and Mrs Matthews' groups.
- Mr Thornton's group will have their spellings set on a **Thursday** to be tested the following Thursday.
- **Maths homework** is Learn by Heart. This was introduced last year. Children will be given maths facts to learn at home. They will be tested on them each week. LBH homework will be set and tested on a **Friday**. Please make sure children have their LBH books with them every Friday.

Don't forget: all the children have log-ins for the Sum Dog interactive maths website which can be accessed from home. We now have access to SumDog Spelling too!

www.sumdog.com/sch/wps1

You can also log on to TT Rock Stars at home too via <https://trockstars.com/login>

PE kit & Shoes

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Please make sure your child has pumps for indoor use. Please name these as I'm sure you can imagine 120 pairs of pumps easily become mixed up.

We do acquire a lot of lost property in the unit. **Please** make sure all property is named so we can help to reunite children with misplaced items!