

**Year Six
Curriculum
Newsletter
Autumn 2**



Dates for your diary:

- Training Day - Monday 19th November.
- School closes for Christmas on Wednesday 19th and re-opens on Tuesday 3rd January.

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

English

We will continue using fiction texts as a starting point for our learning in English.

Mrs Matthew's group - A Monster Calls

Mrs Berry - Letters from the Lighthouse

Mr Thornton - War Horse & stories from WW1

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 will complete a reading log. Spellings are given each week for children to learn. These must be taken home to learn.

We have recently subscribed to Spelling Shed - an online spelling programme. Children should have received their individual logins and can now play games at home.

Mathematics

Children will continue learning how to divide and multiply fractions using the Inspire scheme of work. We are also having a big push on times tables and maths facts. Children have access to a range of interactive computer programs which will really help their maths learning.

TT Rock Stars can be accessed online @ <https://ttrockstars.com/>

Sum Dog can be accessed online @ www.sumdog.com/sch/1wps

Interactive Resources can be accessed online @ <http://www.interactive-resources.co.uk/>

Pupil log in -

Username: NGMaths

Password: mathsrocks

Science - Electricity

Our new science topic is all about electricity. Children will be making electrical circuits, as well as learning how to draw detailed circuit diagrams.

Geography

Once our History topic is complete, children will complete a detailed study of mountain environments, learning about where in the world they are. We will learn features of mountain environments, particularly those of Mount Snowdon.

DT

After the completion of our final piece of art work, children will begin work on producing a soft toy! They will evaluate a range of products before designing and making their own. This always proves to be an incredibly popular unit of work.

R.E.

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

Computing

This half-term we will be looking at the computer programming tool Kodu. The children will use their previous work with Scratch to program and create their own computer games.

French

In French we will learn the words for different parts of the body and we will revise adjectives of colour and size. We will also be starting our topic about clothes - **Les Vêtements**. We will learn the words for common articles of clothing.

We will also be writing letters to our new pen pals in France.



P.E

Outdoor - Basketball - Children will be developing their knowledge, skills and understanding of the game of basketball. They will develop and apply a wider range of skills and tactics when competing in small sided games. Children will understand how to use teammates to their advantage as well as a range of defensive tactics to limit their opponent's opportunities to score points.

Dance - Children will work in partners and in small groups to choreograph a short dance in the genre of street dance. They will be introduced to a range of street dance techniques as well as generic choreography skills such as the use of space, timing and different levels to create a street dance which they will perform to the rest of the class.

Music

We will be continuing our song writing unit of work this half-term, focusing on Bon Jovi's Livin' On A Prayer.

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 Mitchell's group's.
- Mr Thornton's groups will have their spellings set on a **Thursday** to be tested the following Thursday.

- **Maths homework** is Learn by Heart. 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.

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

As the weather begins to deteriorate, it's really important that all children have appropriate indoor footwear. Children need to have pumps for indoor use. Quite a few children are currently wearing their outdoor shoes inside.