

Important Information

CAT Day

Year 6 CAT day (Creative Arts) is held on a Wednesday, once a fortnight. Children have three sessions: Thinking Through Texts (with Ms Massey) Drama (with Ms Gemma) and PE (with Mr Szwaba). On these days, which commence on Wednesday 12th September, the children should come to school wearing clothing that is suitable for physical activities in drama. They will also be required to get changed into their PE kit for their outdoor PE lesson.

P.E.

Year 6 P.E. lessons will take place every Wednesday. The children will need to bring a P.E. kit to school containing a t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms, pumps/trainers and a jumper for cold days. Children will require their kit every Wednesday; please support us by ensuring your child is prepared.

Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have their spelling book, their reading book and reading record book. If your child does not have a book bag they are available to purchase in the school office. Children in Year 6 also have their own diaries, to record homework and other dates, to promote their independence.

Homework

In Year 6 we expect the children to complete the following homework daily:

- Read their reading book to an adult or older sibling. Please sign your child's reading record book and where possible, make a comment about their reading.
- Practise their times tables, and make use of Times Table Rockstars.
- Learn their spellings ready for their weekly spelling tests.

More than anything, the best thing your child can do is fall in love with books. All children should now have a Newham library card, and we hope you will enjoy supporting them to read widely, follow their interests and to find the books that most appeal to them.

Your child will be given mathematics and English homework each week. This will be set by the class teacher and will be within the same book. The homework will be linked to the learning that has taken place in class that week and is designed to consolidate learning as well as extend and challenge the children further. Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned on or before the following Wednesday.

We view homework as a positive opportunity to practise key knowledge and skills that are necessary for good progress. Whilst your child will not be punished for not returning their homework, they will be verbally praised and acknowledged for attempting it and we value any feedback regarding their attempt, as we will use those questions that are causing difficulties as teaching points in the classroom. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child is having difficulty completing their homework.

Musical Instruments

Year 6 pupils have musical instrument lessons every Monday – they need their instruments every week, and should practise at home.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the Assistant Head Teacher for Years 5 and 6, Mr Walker

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6

Curriculum



Autumn Term 2018

English

Children in Year 6 will begin their year by studying 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serrailier - this is a story about four children caught up in the perils of conflict, during World War 2. They will be reading the whole story, and will be looking at how the writer has crafted a phenomenal story through wonderful description of characters and places.

When it comes to writing, children will be learning how to write in a suspenseful way, using a range of sentence styles and descriptive techniques.

In this first term, we will have a real focus on ensuring great standards of presentation - children in Year 6 should generally be able to write clearly in a joined-up style. A special effort will go into ensuring children are able to identify and fix their own spelling errors.

To help at home, we would like for all children to be reading very regularly. What the children read is less important than the fact that they are reading: please encourage them to make time to get stuck into a book.

Mathematics

Our first focus will be on ensuring all children have a solid understanding of number; this will include place value, understanding whole numbers and their parts (such as decimals, fractions and percentages) and the use of column methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Our children will be familiarising themselves with a range of different types of question and problem, and will be learning how to solve difficult changes by paying close attention to the mathematical language.

Science

Our first topic is 'Light'. Children will be exploring the physics of how light travels, how shadows are formed and how we perceive light, by learning about the structure of the human eye. Children will learn about the colour spectrum and will explore how different technologies use and manipulate light.

History/Geography - Our Year 6 children will start the year with an ambitious study of World War Two, and its impact. Children will learn what caused the conflict, and about the key events that shaped it. They will explore how the war affected the lives of different people, both in our local area and in different countries. Children will learn about the Holocaust, and about the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime, as well as the 'kindertransport'. Children will visit the Churchill War Rooms.

PSHCE - Understanding our rights and responsibilities, linking to our WW2 topic.

Music - We will continue our music lessons with the ECAM tutors. Practise at home, please.

French - Recapping on greetings, families, pets and body parts - new learning on the weather.

Computing - Children across the whole school will learn age-appropriate lessons on Online Safety

PE - As well as Wednesday PE lessons, children will be attending swimming lessons at Atherton.

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