

Important Information

CAT Day

Year 6 CAT day (Creative Arts) is held on a Tuesday, once a fortnight. Children have three sessions: Thinking Through Texts (with Ms Rios), Drama (with Ms Liz and Ms Sam) and Spanish (with Ms Light). On these days, which commence on Tuesday 21st September, the children should come to school wearing clothing that is suitable for physical activities in drama.

P.E.

For Autumn term, Year 6 P.E. lessons will be weekly swimming lessons. By the end of primary school, children are expected to be able to swim 25m, and this will be assessed at the end of their swimming lessons in December; swimming is also a vital life skill and improves fitness. On Wednesdays, children should bring appropriate swimwear, a swimming hat and a suitable sized towel. They should also have a bag big enough to fit their clothes, coat and shoes. No jewellery should be worn to swimming sessions.

Book Bags

Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day. Within their book bag they should have 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.

Homework

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

- Read their reading book to an adult, older sibling or independently. If you listen to your child read, please sign their reading record, with a comment if possible. Children are allowed to sign and comment in their own reading record in Year 6.
- Practise their times tables, and make use of Times Table Rockstars.
- Learn their spellings ready for their weekly spelling tests.

Weekly homework is shared on Google Classroom every Friday afternoon, and expected to be completed by the following Wednesday; spelling tests will be held every Friday. Homework can 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. It may also take the form of independent research around a topic that will support their learning in the following week.

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. Completing weekly homework also helps prepare children for the expectations around home learning in Year 7.

If access to the internet, a device or just a quiet place to complete homework is an issue, we do offer a weekly homework club in school; in Autumn term, this will be held every Wednesday afternoon. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested in a place.

If you require any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the Upper key Stage 2 Phase leader, Ms Phelan.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Curriculum Information



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Year 6 Autumn Curriculum

English

Children in Year 6 will begin their year by studying 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll – a story which recounts the adventures of two East London children who are evacuated to Devon during World War 2. They will be reading the novel, and developing their inference skills and justifying their views using evidence from the text.

When it comes to writing, children will be learning how to write in a descriptive way in order to convey mood in a story. Later in the term, we will also be learning how to write more formally when writing a non-chronological report about World War 2.

This 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 regularly. 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. We will visit the Museum of Docklands to learn in detail about how and why East London was affected during the Blitz.

RE – exploring similarities and differences between faiths and world views

Spanish – learning how to greet people and talk about themselves.

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

Music – weekly guitar lessons and fortnightly music appreciation sessions

Art – explore different styles of portraiture