

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 6 – Autumn Term 2 2024

English

For our English this term, we will be travelling to Hogwarts for Christmas. Children will be writing a first-person narrative, focussing on the skill of dialogue. We will then be creating a newspaper article based on 'The Christmas Carol'. In guided reading, we will be analysing a range of non-fiction and fiction extracts some of which will link into our theme of Christmas. We will be developing our inference and retrieval skills across more complex texts and learning about evaluating which information is the 'most' important to answer a question.

Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include...

- Learning about fractions, decimals and percentages:
- Finding their value, equivalents and being able to simplify them
- Learning about adding, subtracting and multiplying simple fractions
- Measurements- Learning to convert, calculate and use appropriate measurements.

Science

This term through a series of investigations, we will be looking at light, learning how light travels and how we see.

Luminous' Christmas: light

Other Information

PE Days - Children will need to have PE kits in school all week as the days sometimes change. Please check they have suitable clothing for all weather, as PE may be done outside.

Water Bottles - Drinking water regularly throughout the day hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school.

Home learning

Children will continue to be set weekly homework by the teacher over this term to help them prepare for secondary school and end of year assessments. Please help support them in this work. Children will also continue to have a selection of tasks to complete over a series of weeks.

Reading

Children are expected to read **at least** 5 times a week and record in their reading journal. It would also be really helpful if you could question your child when reading with them as to what they have read, and to retrieve key pieces of information learnt from the text.

Hook and Trip Day:

4th November: To kick start our festive half term, we are asking children to come dressed festive. This can be a Christmas jumper, something sparkly, green or red. We will be spending the afternoon spreading the Christmas cheer.

5th December: Antarctica Trip

We are excited to have our first school trip of year six, where we will be immersed in the exploration of previous Antarctica explorers. Children will need to wear weather appropriate clothing, as we will spend time outside.

Our learning during this unit will include....

History - We will be discovering how Christmas has been celebrated throughout history in Britain. From the Middle Ages to World War 2, children will use a range of sources to study the changes over time.

Computing – Computer explorers will continue to lead our computing curriculum this half term.

DT – Children will be using crumble to design an alarm to catch Santa.

PE - In PE, we will be learning the skills and playing mini-games of football. We will learn a dance routine which will involve the children's own choreography.

RE - This term, we will be learning about Christmas: the two birth accounts.

Art – In art, we will be looking at different styles of graffiti. We will study the work of Banksy, creating our own graffiti tags and street art.

Music – We will be continuing our topic 'Amazing Machines' where we will create our own looped patterns and melodies.

PSHE – We will be exploring the topic of keeping safe: including internet safety and responsibility within our community.

Spanish – In Spanish we will be learning more about different past times through sports and music.