



Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2024/25



We hope that you all have a wonderful, well-earned Summer break! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Welcome to Year 6 – We are so excited to welcome your children for their final year of primary school.

The Year 6 Team:	
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History / Geography - Our topic this half term is 'Europe'.

We will be learning about the different countries that make up the continent, their distinct human and physical features, climatic conditions and other key features. We will focus on Iceland and Greece when answering our 'Big Question' – 'How diverse is the geography of Europe. For further information about this geography unit, you will also be receiving this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.



Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page. If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.

English - In English we are going to be mostly focusing on two texts this term. The first, is 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, where we will be focusing on a range of description, creating atmospheric stories to further develop their writing skills. The second is 'Hugo' by Brian Selznick where we will be writing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in response to the text.



Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



Maths - This half term we will working with numbers up to 10,000,000 where we will:

- identify the value of each digit to three decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1 000 where the answers are up to three decimal places
- round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy
- solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above

You can support your child at home by completing the homework that we will send at the end of each week

Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>





Science - This half term, we will be learning about light! We will be looking at how light travels, explore how shadows are formed and how light can be manipulated by conducting a range of experiments throughout our unit.



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R.E – This half term we will be looking at our ‘Big Question’ – ‘What are the similarities and differences between the different religions?’, with a focus on differences on what different religions believe about life after death.

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P.E – This term we are going to be practicing gymnastics – looking at turns, rolls and jumps, building upon what we have done in previous years. In our outside sessions, we will be playing invasion games.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black or grey if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

6MS	Monday (indoor)	Tuesday (out)
6LM	Monday (outdoor)	Thursday (indoor)
6SB	Monday (indoor)	Thursday (outdoor)

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P\$HE - This half term, we will be mostly looking at health and wellbeing. What do you do at home for your physical and mental health?

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Music - This half term, we will be starting our violin sessions with Dave Beany from Southwark Music Service. Lessons will take place on a Thursday and children will be given the opportunity to take their violins home. More details of this will be sent in a letter next week.



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Computing - This half term, we are looking at Computer Systems and Networks with a focus on communication and collaboration. In this unit, we will be look at how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration; will complete shared projects online and evaluate different methods of communication. Finally, they learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.

On behalf of the year 6 team, we look forward to what we know will be a fantastic year!

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>