



Year 6 Newsletter



Spring Term 1 2025

Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to school after the winter break. We hope you had a wonderful time.

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.

Diary Dates:

9th January - 6LM to the library

10th January - 6KL to the library

16th January - 6SB to the library

6th February – 6LM Class Assembly

The Year 6 Team:	
6LM	Laura McPherson
6KL	Kate Lewis
6SB	Sam Beeton

History - Our topic this half term is the Ancient Maya.

We will be learning about life during this period of time as well as the rise and fall of the Ancient Maya and we will use various sources to examine what caused the end of the Maya civilisation.



You will also have received 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 - This half term, our class texts will be: *The Rain Player* by David Wisniewski and *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Seltznik. Through these texts, we will be writing a number of fiction and non-fiction texts in response to both books including letters of advice, diary entries, newspaper reports and various narratives.



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 they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.



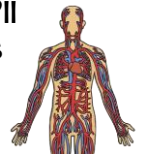
Maths - This half term we will be continuing our work on converting measures, then moving on to ratio and then algebra before moving on to decimal numbers. You can support your child at home by continuing to complete the weekly SATS practise homework. Remember, our maths scheme 'White Rose' has a parent area where your child can consolidate any learning in class. There are videos for each lesson taught. Please find here: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=year-6-new>



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



Science - This half term, we will be completing a biology unit on the circulatory system. We'll look at the heart, lungs, veins and arteries. As part of this unit, we will be exploring the effects of diet, exercise and drugs on the human body.



R.E – This half term we continue our learning on similarities and differences in various religions with a particular emphasis on religious leaders

P.E – This term we lucky enough to be receiving some tag rugby coaching from an outside provider throughout January. These sessions will be delivered within our PE slots and we will consolidate the skills throughout the term.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black 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.

class	Day 1	Day 2
6LM	Monday	Wednesday
6SB	Tuesday	Friday
6KL	Monday	Tuesday



P\$HE - This half term, we will be looking at the lives of people living in other places, and people with different values and customs.

Music - This half term, we will continue our violin learning with David. Children will continue to learn a range of songs and use a variety of skills.

Computing - This half term, we are going to be using Scratch to explore variables in games. First, learners find out what variables are and relate them to real-world examples of values that can be set and changed. Children will then build up to creating and editing their own games using examples of variables.

Spanish – This half term we will be looking at ways of talking about the weekend in Spanish.



On behalf of the year 6 team, we look forward to the coming half term.
Thank you so much to all parents and carers for your ongoing support.

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/>