

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026/2027



Welcome to Year 6! We are so excited to welcome your children for their final year of primary school. We hope that you all had 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.

The Year 6 Team:		
6OF	Oliver Finegold	Supported by Bradley Quay
6SB	Lizzie Clarke & Molly Young	

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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 ('knowledge organiser')** via email.



Additionally, these will be shared on your child's Google Classroom page and a paper version will be handed out to your child, along with a homework book. Completed topic homework will be rewarded with gems.

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



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Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day. They should also bring their reading record into school every day – this will be checked on a daily basis.



In Year 6, children should be reading at home every day, preferably with an adult, for 20-30 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 school books.

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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 to practise times tables! These are crucial in Year 6.

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.



R.E – This half term we will be looking at how faith is displayed through the arts, with a focus on the similarities and differences between how the six main religions choose to celebrate their faith.

P.E – Below are our PE slots for this half term:

6OF	Monday (indoor)	Thursday (outdoor)
6SB	Monday (outdoor)	Wednesday (indoor)

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. **Children must bring a clean school t-shirt to change into after P.E.**

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

Music - This half term, we will be starting 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 soon.

Computing - This half term, we will be looking at webpage creation. This unit will show the children how to create websites for a chosen purpose. They will identify what makes a good webpage and use this information to design and evaluate their own webpage using Google Sites. Throughout the process, we will pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, aesthetics of a site, as well as navigation paths.

Parent workshops – We will be running two parent workshops for Years 5 & 6 this term:

English: Wednesday 14th October, 9:15am in the lower hall

Maths: Wednesday 18th November, 9:15am in the lower hall

These should last 45 minutes.

Parents' evenings Tuesday 6th October & Wednesday 7th October

Inset day Friday 23rd October

Half term 26th – 30th October

Trips

Thursday 1st October in the afternoon – Junior Citizenship Scheme Trip, leaving at midday.

Wednesday 4th November, all day – Royal Albert Hall to see Future Makers.

Thursday 5th November, all day – British Museum trip.

Please let the office know if you are able to join us on these trips.

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