



Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2026/27



Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-earned 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

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Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 9th September 2026 – Trip to Horniman Gardens for landscape sketching.

Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Junior Citizenship trip.

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Geography - Our topic this half term is Europe!

Our enquiry question for this topic will be

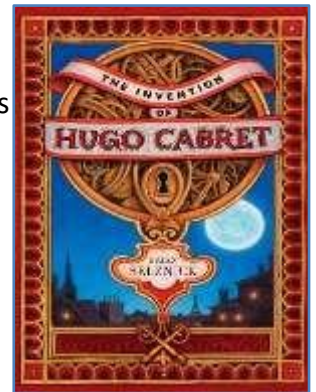
What are the key ways in which the geography of Europe is so diverse?

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'.



You will also be receiving this term's **knowledge organiser** (which includes details of topic homework) via email.

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English - In English, we will be developing our writing skills through the graphic novel, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. It is a beautifully illustrated novel that blends words and pictures to tell the story of a young orphan, Hugo, who secretly lives in a Paris train station in the 1930s. Through this text, the children will have the opportunity to develop their skills in grammar, spelling and comprehension.



In spelling, we will be practising suffixes, prefixes and Year 5/6 exception words. We will be consolidating these through handwriting (letter join). Please refer to the weekly spellings that will be sent home each Friday.

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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 - We will begin this half term by focusing on **place value**. We will be 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 1000 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 out at the end of each week.

Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

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Science - We will be looking at '**Light**' this half term. 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 – Year 6's big question for the half term is '**How important are the similarities and differences between and within religions and world views?**' This half term we will be learning about what different religions and world views believe about the purpose and the end of life.

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P.E – This term we are very excited to be participating in **cricket** sessions with Surrey Cricket Club coaches! We will also have **dance** as our second PE lesson.

All children **must** bring their PE kit into school on the specified days - please do not come into school in PE kit.

6NH	Wednesday	Friday
6NR	Tuesday	Thursday

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PSHE - This half term, we will be learning about keeping our bodies healthy using exercise and by making informed food choices. We will also learn about what happens to our bodies as they grow.

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Music - This half term, we will learn to play the djembe drums with teachers, Sandra and Donna. We will use our bare hands to produce three distinct sounds: a deep bass, a mid- pitched tone and a sharp sound.



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Computing - This half term, we are learning about website creation. This unit introduces learners to the creation of websites for a chosen purpose. Learners identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites.

The Year 6 team are very excited for the term ahead!