

Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

Year 6



A very warm welcome to Year 6! I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. Please do not hesitate to come and see Mrs Mala or myself if you have any questions or concerns at any point during the academic year, and we will be more than happy to help. I wish you all a very successful, safe and enjoyable year. Mrs Valli and Miss Hussain



Mrs Valli



Miss Hussain

English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the novel 'Skellig' by David Almond. Through this text, we will explore themes such as nurture, friendship and trust and writing our own short stories with flashbacks. In order to develop comprehension skills, we will be using the 'VIPERS' strategies to support with answering reading questions. Weekly grammar sessions will also take place to develop pupil's understanding of grammatical terminology and word types.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will study and practice our arithmetic skills looking closely at the four operations. We will also use times tables to help solidify our multiplication and division facts to support our learning with long division and multiplication. Whilst looking at the above areas, we will combine these with SATs type questions to develop an understanding of the questions the children will be asked in their SATs. The maths homework will help with the learning completed within the given week.

Science

In Science this half term, we will be exploring Evolution and Inheritance. Through this topic we will be recognising that living things have changed over time. We also explore how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

RE

In R.E. this term, Year 6 will be studying the unit 'Life as a Journey'. Within this unit, we will be studying the importance of pilgrimage and exploring the many reasons why people take this special journey within their lives.

Art

In Art and Design, we will be exploring the work of the surrealist painter and war artist Paul Nash. Using his Second World War landscapes, we will apply Nash's modernist approach to develop our own war themed artwork using a range of mixed media.

History

In History this term, we will be studying both the First and Second World War, and exploring the mitigating factors that led to the outbreak of both wars. We will complete an in-depth study of the Accrington Pals. As well as this, we will study the impact war had on childhood and ordinary life in Britain.

Geography

In Geography, we will complete a local seaside study on Blackpool. We will study the physical and human features of Blackpool and how this has caused a rise in Tourism. We will also learn to read Ordnance Survey Maps using six-figure grid reference.

Computing

In Computing, we will be studying the unit: 'Law and Order and Film Making', where pupils will be learning strong password awareness and designing and creating a range of digit assets. We will also be looking at how to design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals.

PE

In PE this half term, pupils will be exploring the game: Tag Rugby. The Year 6 children will develop sport specific skills including: catching, dribbling, shooting and kicking a ball, using a range of passes, defending skills and how to intercept a pass.

DT

In D.T, we will be creating our own computed embedded room system using a programmed device. We will be studying the work of Alan Turing, and his contribution to programming during World War Two.

Music

In Music this term, we will be using the online platform 'Charanga' to study the piano piece 'Bacharach Anorak'. Alongside this, Year 6 pupils will be exploring the 'blues' and identifying the common musical elements within this genre of music.

PSHE

Our topics that we will look at this half term are: 'Mental Health and Well-being' and 'Be Kind'. We will be exploring the notion of 'FOMO' (Fear of Missing Out) and how this can cause people to feel anxious and upset.

MFL

In French this term, we will be developing our French vocabulary through presenting themselves, my family and my home.

This homework overview aims to give you some ideas of how to keep on learning at home. There are challenges to complete for each of the subjects studied in class, or some of the challenges might revisit prior learning. Please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher regarding your child's learning and understanding if you have any questions.

Don't forget: Try to complete at least 1 set task a week. Please ensure that you are practising your weekly spellings, times tables and daily reading weekly, signing your planner to ensure a reading log is kept between school and home.



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Autumn Term Homework

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English

Topic: Novel as a Theme/ Diary Entries

- Write a recount of your journey through a building. Use your sense to help describe what you see.
- The book focus on themes like trust and friendship. Who do you trust and how does this make your friendship strong?

Maths

Please ensure you are completing your daily 10 minute times table practice on Hit the Button.

Children must also complete homework sent out based on the topics taught that week. This will help all children with their understanding of arithmetic for their SATs tests next year

Please note:

Homework on Century Tech should be completed.
Regular use will help boost confidence and fluency in maths.

Science

Topic: Biology- Evolution and Inheritance

- Create a poster about one variation in one type of pet e.g. dog, cat, horse, guinea pig, rabbit etc.
- Research the work of Mary Anning and her contribution towards the understanding of evolution.

History

Topic: The First and Second World War

- Research a soldier from Blackburn that fought in World War 1 or 2. Create a non-chronological report on their life.
- Research the life of children during WW2. How was life for them living in a city? Compare your life with theirs. How do they differ?

PSHE

Topic: Health and Wellbeing

- Plan a weekly routine that balances work and play together.
- When will you plan for homework?
- When are you planning relaxation time?
- When taking part in this weekly routine, what works well and what doesn't?

RE

Topic: Life as a Journey

- Research the main places of pilgrimage for each religion: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism.

Geography

Topic: OS Map Skills:

- Task One - With the following map provided could you find symbols on the map taught in class? Use all your knowledge of six-figure grid reference to find them.
- Task Two - Plan a walk going from points on a map also using six figure grid references.

Music

Topic: Carole King

- Listen to music composed by Carole King. What do you like about the songs?
- Compare the instrumentation, style, tempo, dynamics and structure of each song.
- Which song is your favourite?

DT

Topic: Alan Turing: Programming

- Explore the work of individuals such as Steve Jobs, Bill Gates and Grace Hopper and their contribution towards computer technology.