

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

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Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 6 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child.

Subject	
Literacy	We will be using "How to train your Dragon" for inspiration in our writing and the children will produce a narrative and write a balanced argument based on this book. They will apply the Year 6 skills that they have been learning throughout the year.
Numeracy	This half term, we are working on co-ordinates, translation and reflection. We will then move on to Roman Numerals, measurement – converting units of measure, statistics, time problems and algebra.
Science	In Science this half term, we will be continuing with our topic of Earth, Sun and Moon. Children will be learning how we have day and night and the four seasons. They will also be finding out about how Earth orbits the Sun and the Moon orbits Earth.
Topic – History	In History, we will be continuing to learn about the changing power of monarchy. We will look at Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and England's victory in the Spanish Armada. Then, we will look at the different accounts of Charles I's execution. Finally, we will learn about how the power of the monarchy changed in Tudor and Stuart times.
ICT	Children will be developing their coding skills using Purple Mash. They will be programming a range of variables and objects by giving a sequence of instructions.
RE	This half-term, children will be looking at the symbolism behind the concept of flight relating this to their own lives and other religions.
PE	Outdoor: children will be continuing to learn the basic concepts of hockey and applying these to a variety of drills. Sending, receiving, movement, rules, tactics and formations will all be covered. This will then lead into the children playing hockey at a competitive level. Indoor: children will create their own street dance routine, using the techniques taught last half-term, and perform them to another year group. They will then be learning the skills and techniques required to play hand ball: throwing, catching, passing at speed and playing as a team.
Music	This half term we will use a set of electronic keyboards to learn some basic keyboard technique, including reading notation and playing simple tunes. The children will also be composing and notating their own melodies and playing some arrangements for "Keyboard Orchestra".
Art / DT	The children continue to focus on drawing still-life objects. They will be learning how to hold a pencil and use correct pencil strokes when using tone and shading to create a 3D effect. They will also learn how to blend when shading from light to dark and how to choose the correct strength of graphite.
MFL / French	This half-term the pupils will be learning all about sport! They will keep a record of and will express their opinions on sporting activities. They will also revise some food and drinks, which will enable us to discuss what is a healthy lifestyle. If the children wish to practise their French further with some fun and games, please visit the Lingotot website at <a href="http://www.lingototschools.com">www.lingototschools.com</a> (username: hollybrook, password: hollybrook1), where they will find many language games to help them learn and remember their vocabulary.