

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Summer 1 2018

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	<p>The children are exploring the picture book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. They will write a journal based on the central character's journey into a new and wonderful city. They will be writing a range of text types in this journal, such as diaries and letters. Children will be focusing on the audience and purpose in their writing – thinking more about the decisions they make when writing and the impact on the reader.</p> <p>We will also be spending extra time on grammar, punctuation and spelling.</p>
Numeracy	<p>In Numeracy this half term, we will continue to work on area, perimeter and volume. We will then cover ratio and proportion - solving a range of complex problems to help get ready for the reasoning SATs papers. We are also still continuing to target key areas of development that are linked to children's individual gaps.</p>
Science	<p>We will be learning all about forces including friction, air resistance and water resistance. The children will carry out a number of practical experiments applying what they have learnt. This is likely to continue after half term. At certain points this half term, Year 6 will not be doing Science every week but we will be doing whole days of Science towards the end so that we are still covering the curriculum - this is due to the upcoming SATS.</p>
Topic – History / Geography	<p>The topic this half term is biomes of the world. This will focus on geographical skills including grid referencing and reading a compass. The knowledge focus will emphasise climatic conditions and animal and plant life in specific regions.</p> <p>This is also likely to continue after half term. At certain points this half term, Year 6 will not be doing Topic every week but we will be doing whole days of Topic towards the end so that we are still covering the curriculum - this is due to the upcoming SATS.</p>
RE	<p>The children will be studying the concept of Ummah which means community in the Islamic faith.</p>
PE	<p>Outdoor: Cricket is the sport children will be playing this half term. We will work on our fielding, focusing on throwing and catching. Then we will develop our batting and bowling skills.</p> <p>Indoor: We will continue to develop our handball skills which will lead into competitive games where children can demonstrate their teamwork.</p>
Music	<p>In Year 6 the whole class will be developing their ukulele playing this half term. We will learn a range of chords and use these to accompany songs. We will explore four-chord pop songs and have a go at forming our own bands to perform them.</p>
MFL (French)	<p>In French, we are finishing the topic of healthy living, which includes giving opinions on sports and some foods, and discussing which foods are healthy or not. Our next topic will focus on animals and their habitats, which should be very popular. Our grammar focus will be on adjectives and how they agree with the nouns they describe. Having assessed children's listening skills on healthy living, Madame Pengas will be assessing their writing skills on the animal topic.</p> <p>If the children wish to practise their French further with some fun and games, please visit the Lingotot website at www.lingototschools.com (username: hollybrook, password: hollybrook1), where they will find many language games to help them learn and remember their vocabulary.</p>

Key dates

Fairthorne Parent Information evening – Wednesday 16th May at 5.30pm.

SATS week - 14th May to 17th May. You will receive a letter with the test schedule in a couple of weeks' time.