



# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome to Year 6! As expected, the children have settled in extremely well and have been really impressing adults around the school, with their attitude and desire to do well this year, which is evident in their work so far. Anglo Saxons will be their main topic, yet they will also learn about properties and changes of materials. In addition, there are many other exciting units for children to enjoy, especially invasion games in PE like tag rugby. Also there will be a strong learning focus on SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). This will prepare the children with the vital key skills for Year 6 as well as enhancing all pupil's writing skills, which in turn will enable them to produce more sophisticated pieces of writing.

Below is a brief outline about 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 6 Team (Mr O'Brien and Mrs Norton). Many thanks.

Subject	
Literacy	Greek Myths are a key source for the children's learning this half term in reading and writing. They will be reading a range of myths and complete a variety of written tasks that provide them the opportunity to demonstrate the Year 6 skills. Then they re-write one in their own words, as well as creating their very own myth incorporating all the key features. We expect the children to apply the key skills within these independent writes.
Numeracy	To begin with, the children will consolidate their understanding of place value and focus on improving their work on the four operations. This will be linked to challenges focusing on problem solving and maths reasoning, which will enable the children to apply the skills they have been taught. In addition, children should become confident and fluent with times tables and arithmetic.
Science	In Science we are learning about the properties and changes of materials. Children will compare and group everyday materials, test a variety of them in different conditions and understand the changes that happen.
Topic – History	The children will be learning about the Anglo Saxons which will include: how Anglo Saxons lived in Britain, understanding the reason for key events and how this has impacted on life nowadays.
ICT	Internet safety is the key focus term. Children will be learning to use technology safely, recognise acceptable/ unacceptable behaviour and they will also learn ways of reporting concerns and contact.
RE	Our focus for this half term is the RE concept of submission. We will relate this to different religions and how this relates to our everyday life.
PE	During PE this half term, the children will engage and explore a range of invasion games. This will lead into children learning tag rugby where they will apply taught invasions skills, team tactics, rules and co-operation. They will also be applying keys skills in other team games to explore team ethic and tactics further.
Music	This half term, the children will explore musical accompaniments. They will explore beatboxing and use their skills to accompany raps and chants as well as investigating chords using tuned percussion, keyboards and their own instruments. They will sing a range of songs, including African songs, part songs and rounds and will focus on maintaining their lines to achieve a balanced sound.
Art / DT	Art this half term is linked to our unit on Anglo Saxons. The children will be exploring Anglo Saxon knots where they will create their own patterns and apply it to sewing. In addition to this, they will be forming traditional Anglo Saxon style coil clay pots.