



Year 6 Autumn A Curriculum Newsletter



Our topics for this half term are:

World War Two in history and Light in science. We will study the book *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo in English.

In class, we will be reading *Friend or Foe* from which the children will have the opportunity to write in various styles including: diary writing, a character description, non-fiction writing, a balanced argument and narrative writing.

SPAG

In grammar, we will be looking at word class, sentence types, subject and object, main and subordinate clauses, passive voice, parenthesis and various punctuation marks.

Spellings will include: different prefix endings and year 5/6 spellings from the curriculum list. Discrete spelling lessons will take place using the Spelling Shed scheme and children should be accessing spelling games on Spelling Shed at home.

Reading

Books read in English will continue to test our comprehension and expand our vocabulary knowledge. Reading for mastery sessions will ensure a range of different genres are being read. The children will be completing twice weekly comprehensions in reading for mastery based on a new text each session.

Maths

In maths, we will be expanding our knowledge of place value – understanding the value of each digit up to 10,000,000 and how our number system works using powers of 10. We will explore negative numbers and practise rounding numbers to the nearest ten thousand, hundred thousand and million. We will practise addition and subtraction using a formal written method with increasingly larger numbers. Children will learn about, and use, common factors and multiples as well as calculate square and cube numbers. We will also build on previous knowledge of prime numbers to look at all prime numbers to 100.

KIRFs – Key Instant Recall Facts

This half term our KIRFs are: ***Identify the common factors of a pair of numbers.***

Know prime numbers within 100.

Please follow this link to our website with further ideas on how you can help your child practise these instant recall facts at home.

Click here for further support with Maths @ Moorlands

Science

In our new topic on Light and Sight, the children will be learning how light travels through various investigations and understand how we see objects.

Foundation Subjects

ART – The children will be exploring sculpture and how 2D art can be transformed into 3D art.

RSHE – This half term, in RSHE, the children will be learning about goals and aspirations; healthy eating; families and people who care for me and 1st aid.

COMPUTING – The children explore how data is transferred over the internet and how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration. They complete shared projects online and evaluate different methods of communication. Finally, they learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.

P.E. – Our focus for PE this half term is: **Evade, Invade and Capture**. This unit focuses on pupils' movement skills and allows them to consider how they can use these skills to find space, retrieve objects and score points. They will then apply these skills in their second lesson of the week through Netball.

MUSIC – The children will be looking at the genre of Pop and Motown. They will play ukeleles as an accompaniment to this style of music.

HISTORY – Our topic for this half-term is *World War 2*. We will be studying the Battle of Britain, and considering its impact home and abroad. We will be looking at timelines of events and key moments, and exploring everyday life during the war.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – The children will be studying the unit 'How do Sikhs show commitment?'

Reminders and Homework

Homework will be assigned on Tuesdays to be completed by the following Monday. This will be practise of key skills taught that week in school. Your child will bring home a maths homework practise book and a grammar practise sheet each week. There will also be weekly spellings sent home to learn, that will be tested in school the following week. We encourage the children to practise their spellings on Edshed, using the Spelling Bee programme. Your child has their own log in details for this. Please contact your class teacher if you need a new log in sending home. Times tables are to be rehearsed on Times Table Rockstars www.trockstars.com

The recommendation is that children should be reading for 20 minutes each day. Reading books can be changed whenever the child has finished their book. Now the children are in Year 6, the main importance is that they are enjoying what they read. Children are welcome to read their own books from home, library books or take a book from the classroom bookshelf. Please spend some time discussing with your child, the texts that they read at home. This will support them when answering comprehension questions on a text and with their understanding of inference.

Children must have a labelled PE kit that remains in school. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure your children can remove the earrings independently or provide them with tape to apply. Hair bobbles also for longer hair.

Contact Details

Please see below class email addresses for the teachers if you need to send a message to your child's class teacher:

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Please note that these emails may not be checked on a daily basis, please contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if your query is urgent or we can speak to you before or after teaching hours.

Important Dates

Week beginning 23.10.23 – Harvest (food collection)

25.10.23- Royal Armouries Trip – further information to follow shortly

27.10.23 – INSET day

30.10.23 – Half term 06.11.23 – Children return to school after half term

