

Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term

Dear Year 6 Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely summer and on behalf of both Mrs Hingston and myself can I please thank you all for the gifts and vouchers that you gave us both at the end of year 5.

The focus will inevitably be on the SATs but I have planned some exciting and challenging activities that I hope the children will enjoy.

English	<p>At the beginning of the autumn term the children will be revisiting persuasive writing using letters to promote themselves for prefect roles, House and Vice-House captains and other year 6 roles, writing short stories using a range of different genres, as well as reading and writing poetry using personification.</p> <p>In the daily guided reading session the children will be continuing to build on their reading comprehension skills, grammar and spelling tasks.</p>
Mathematics	<p>In maths we will be following a new programme of study. This will provide both scaffolding and challenge for all the children as they need it. We will be looking at the following areas in autumn 1; place value, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, effective calculation strategies, problem solving, factors, multiples and prime numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages, written methods for multiplication and division, area and properties of shape. In addition we will have a focus during mental fluency on arithmetic skills and strategies taught in year 5 to solve a calculation. There will be a daily focus on developing maths mastery skills and applying their understanding of maths strategies in problem solving.</p>
Science	<p>In the autumn term we will be studying light and electricity. Both these topics will build on the children's learning in year 3 and year 4.</p>
Computing	
Topic	<p>Our first topic will be on the Vikings; looking at the Vikings' arrival in the UK, the battles they fought, their lifestyle and the Gods they worshipped.</p> <p>After half-term we will be looking at Our Changing World; a geography topic about how the world, and in particular the UK, has changed over time. The main theme of the topic is how the coastlines in the UK have changed due to erosion and deposition.</p>
R.E.	<p>The children will be learning about Christianity and Buddhism. They will be learning about how Buddhism is a way of life and the stories that are told. We will be looking at Christmas and whether non-Christians should celebrate Christmas; comparing secular and sacred Christmas traditions.</p>
PSHCE	<p>The PSHCE focus for the autumn term is all about new beginnings and changes. We will also use circle time to prepare for the year 6 trip to PGL and any worries / questions that the children have.</p>
P.E.	<p>Year 6 P.E sessions will take place on a <u>Wednesday</u> and a <u>Thursday</u>. We will be continuing with our Skip2Bfit focus but the main PE lessons will be basketball (taught by PJ from Hemel Storm) and hockey.</p>
Music	<p>The children will be taught music by Mrs Gardner on a Tuesday afternoon.</p>
MFL (French)	<p>The children will be taught French by Mrs Wallis on a Tuesday afternoon.</p>

Homework – The expectation for homework in year 6 is that the children will complete up to 2 pieces of homework a week. I have created a half-term document which contains English/topic homework and the children can complete these in any order but they must hand in one piece a week (apart from the research homework which is a two week piece). The maths homework will come home each week and I will discuss with the class when the homework is to be set but we will agree a routine for when it comes home and when it is due back in school. As per last year, please let me know if your child is having problems completing the homework in the time given.

I will also set up extra work using Education City (login details can be found at the front of your child's homework book). I will set up activities that can be completed to reinforce class learning for mathematics and other options for English including grammar tasks. If you are using an iPad to access Education City you will need to use Education City via the free Puffin web browser. The app is also available for android devices.

I hope that this provides a useful insight into the exciting work we will be enjoying this term. If you have any questions that you would like to ask me, do not hesitate to come in and speak to me.

Kind regards

Mrs Karen Sharpling
Year 6 Class Teacher