

Year 5/6 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term! We hope you have all had a fun-filled Christmas break. Please find below a summary of Year 5 and 6's main learning areas for this term along with some general reminders.

English

In writing, we are focussing on the book, 'Shackleton's Journey' we will be creating pieces of descriptive writing based on Antarctica, a newspaper report, a non-chronological report and a letter applying to go on a ship destined to Antarctica.

In reading, we will be studying the text, 'Pig-Heart boy'; we will continue to work on building on our vocabulary. Inferring what the author is trying to convey and retrieving information from the text. Year 6, will have the opportunity to complete SATS style questions.

Maths

We begin the term by continuing our work on fractions. The children will build onto their vocabulary and explore comparing and converting mixed number and improper fractions. The children will begin to add and subtract fractions with the same and different denominators. In Year 6, children will also be multiplying and dividing fractions by whole numbers and fractions as well as finding fractions of an amount.

After, Year 5 will move on multiplication and division exploring different methods to answer questions involving up to 4-digit numbers. They will learn short multiplication and division techniques and work on numbers, which leave remainders.

Year 6, will be working with measures and converting between distances, volume and time before moving onto ratios, decimals and percentages.

Homework

Spellings we will upload the words that we are focussing on weekly to dojo for you to look at and practise with our child. Please note there will be no formal spelling test as we will be assessing through application of rules in lessons.

For **Maths** homework, the children need to complete 15 minutes TT rock stars (<https://trockstars.com/>) each week. In addition, children are required to practise multiplication tables and division facts to aid rapid recall. Every week there will be an informal check as part of the maths lesson.

In Year 6, children need to read for the equivalent of at least 15 minutes every school night (it might be that some nights they read more than other nights) and complete 5 reads and a book talk. They need to complete their reading record each time they read. We would very much appreciate you listening to your child read and discussing their book with them. The children (or parent) should write a comment in their book and we request that you sign your child's reading record book too. This will really help them to progress in reading and writing. We will be checking your child's reading diary regularly throughout the week. The children will then quiz on AR (accelerated reader) where we can track their comprehension progress.

Year 6 will have weekly homework set on Spag.com and maths.co.uk.

P.E.

Purcell and Arnold will have PE sessions every **Thursday** (outdoors) and Birtwistle will have PE on a **Wednesday**. However, other sessions may arise throughout the week so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, and are prepared for the unpredictable winter weather. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy joggers and an outdoor jumper (when the weather requires it), outdoor trainers (these must be different shoes to the ones your child wears to school) and a water bottle.

Science

In Science, we are starting our topic on electricity. We will recap our knowledge of simple circuits, switches, insulators and conductors. We will learn about voltage and then build a circuit for a purpose.

In Spring 2 we move onto light. We will learn how light travels, the colours in light, shadows and their shapes leading up to building a periscope.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher. For any additional information, please refer to Class Dojo.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, thank you in advance for your continued support.

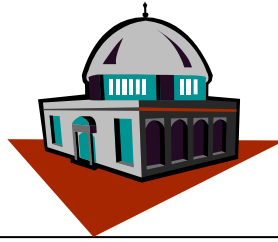
Miss Watson, Mr Oliver and Mrs Wilkinson

Year 6 Topic – Autumn Term 2023



Art

We will be looking at architecture and as artists; we will be creating observational drawings of houses using those to create mono prints. To develop an artist style we will be looking at Friedensreich Hundertwasser.



Religion and Worldviews

We will be looking at how different religions perceive death and how some worldviews remember those who have died.



History

As historians, we will be learning about the rise of Hitler. We will be visiting Duxford to learn about aircrafts used in WW2.



PSHE

We will be learning about citizenship and what means to us. We will look at valuing diversity, Parliament and MP's, Rights and responsibility and pressure groups



Music

In Spring 1 we will learn some songs from WW2 and in the second half of the term we will look at film music.