



### English

**Reading:** The children are expected to read for at least fifteen/twenty minutes each day (a minimum of three times a week). Please sign your child's Reading Record when this happens.



**Handwriting:** Children are encouraged to write in cursive joined handwriting at all times to enable them to meet the expected standard for the end of year 6.

**Writing:** In all forms of writing, the children will be encouraged to consider content, spelling, layout, presentation and handwriting carefully. Children will be consolidating and extending their spelling and grammar knowledge and writing in a range of registers including narrative, formal and informal reports and persuasive writing.



### Maths

During this term, Year 6 will be covering a range of topics; Decimals and place value, multiplying and dividing decimals, and various measurement consolidation.

To improve your child's confidence, they will benefit from home practise of:

- Knowing their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12 with speed and fluency including division facts.
- Using place value understanding to apply their times tables knowledge in written methods.
- Solving a broad range of reasoning questions

### Science

This half term, the children will be learning about light. The children will investigate how light travels, how shadows form and whether or not light is able to bend.



After half term, our topic will be 'animals including humans' where children will use comparing and contrasting techniques.

### Geography

Our first geography unit this term is 'Amazing Americas' where children will be using maps to find various places in the United States of America. Children will also gain an understanding of what a continent is.



**History** After half term we will be studying the role of women in World War I and World War II

### RE

In Year 6, we study Buddhism, Christianity and Humanism. This half term we are considering '*Buddhism - meditation and mindfulness*'.

Children will gain knowledge of how to successfully meditate and will be able to lead their own meditation session. After half term, we are studying the resurrection in the Christianity module.

### PSHE +C

Our PSHE and Citizenship lessons will focus on Dreams and Goals. Children will think about their near and future hopes and the skills they need to get there.

### Art

Our art unit will focus on Mayan Artists; Diego Riviera and Dan Fenelon. Children will be looking at the technique of Chiaroscuro.

### Spanish

We will be learning all about 'Los Planetas' – the planets in our solar system.

### Music

At school we largely follow the Charanga music scheme and will be looking at You've got a friend in me in spring term 1 and World War II music in spring term 2.

### Home Learning

In addition to times table practice and the 3x weekly reading expectation, Year 6 will have a home learning creative menu to choose activities from and CGP books to work through.



### General Points

The children are expected to be organised and we encourage them to be independent whenever possible, i.e. remembering their equipment for each day. **Their reading record and reading book should come in and out of school every day.** Please encourage them to place everything they need for school into their bag during the previous evening.



### PE

PE lessons are on **Mondays and Wednesdays of both weeks A and B.** Please ensure the correct PE uniforms are worn in to school on these days.

Please ensure that all long hair is tied up and that no nail varnish or jewellery (other than earrings) is worn to school.

**All** their belongings, including items of clothing, are the children's responsibility, and should be **clearly named** to ensure the best chance of them being returned to their rightful owner.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Class Teacher.

We feel strongly that home and school need to work together to ensure the best outcomes for our children and we are here to support in any way that we can.

Please use the relevant class email in the first instance if possible. If you wish to meet with your class teacher, please try to arrange an after school session ( and avoid Wednesday- staff meeting day.)

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