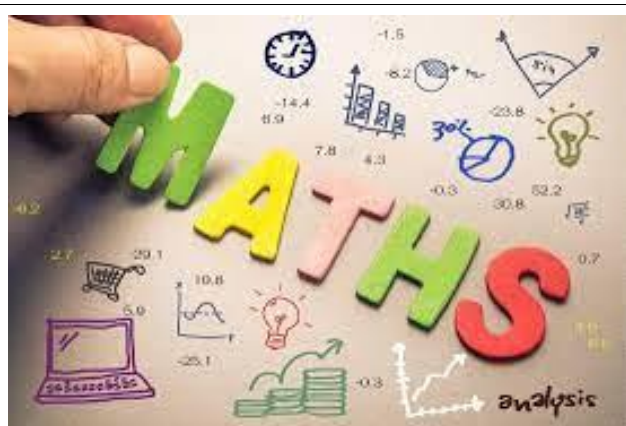


Welcome to Year 6!

Teaching in Year 6, we are lucky to have Mr Pattinson who is the teacher in 6P and Miss Briggs who is teaching in 6B. We also have Mrs Sahota and Miss Burnsnel teaching small groups of children in Writing, Reading and Maths.

In Year 6, this half term we shall be covering...



In Maths, we'll be preparing for our SATS tests which begin in early May.

To begin with, we will finish learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. From there we will recap upon a range of mathematics skills. Particular focus will be placed upon shape, space and statistics (bar charts, line graphs and pie charts).

We will also reinforce prior learning on angles, area, perimeter and Roman Numerals as well as practising our arithmetic skills.



This half term in English, we will be writing an adventure 'finding story' and looking at different techniques to create suspense. Additionally, we will be producing a discussion letter based around current events.

In Reading, we will continue with our novel, 'Hitler's Canary' by Sandy Toksvig.

Our spellings will be looking prefixes or suffixes and how they change the meaning of words.



In Science, we'll be exploring the topic of electricity.

First of all, we will be learning about the different ways in which electricity, a type of energy, is created and how production of it has changed over time. In addition to this, we will also be learning about the different parts of a circuit and how electricity flows around them.

We will be using enquiry skills to investigate what is a good conductors of electricity and exploring how the brightness of a bulb or loudness of a buzzer can change.



This half term, we are continuing our study of WW2.

We will look at different sources from the time and evaluate how reliable they are. We will also look at how women helped the war effort and how Birmingham was affected.



This half term in Music we will play the keyboards, playing different tracks from across different genres of music. We will perform individually and as ensemble. Using the apps Treble Cat Lite and Music Tutor, we will continue to develop our understanding of standard notation. We will continue to work on our sense of rhythm and pulse, musicianship and aural perception.



Our Art lessons this half term will be with our Art specialist, Mrs Shellam.

Lessons for this half term will involve paint. Children will be learning about how to use watercolour and acrylic paint for different effects.

They will use their imagination to create original pieces of work showing a range of influences and styles.



In French, we are continuing our 'family' topic, being taught by our French specialist, Mrs Metcalfe.

This half term, we will consolidate our knowledge of family vocabulary and we will also learn new vocabulary such as how to give our family members names in a sentence, and say what activities we like doing with our family. At the end of this topic, we will write a paragraph all about our family.



This term we'll be delving into a number of religions, including Islam and Christianity.

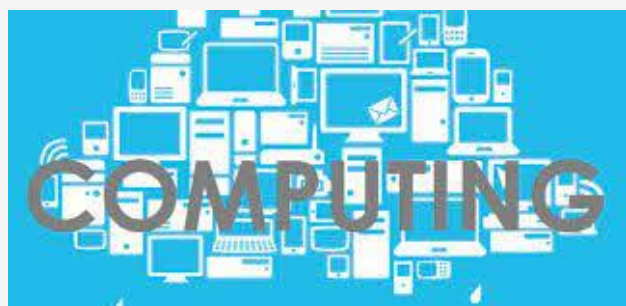
Within these religions, we'll be exploring the themes of being merciful, alongside how things that can cause hurt and unhappiness and how we can overcome them.



Within PSHE we've focused on regulating our emotions as part of the introduction to our schools new behaviour policy.

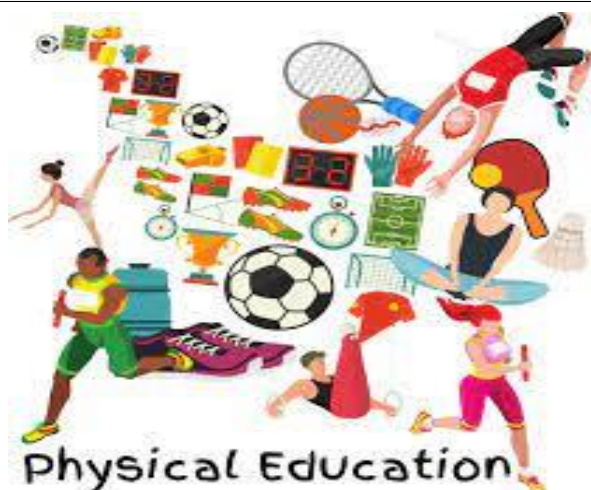
In addition, we'll be exploring how media can be unreliable and how text and images can be manipulated or invented.

We will also recap what we can do if we feel unsafe online.



This half term, we will be continuing our work on the History of Computing.

We will be comparing how technology was used in the past to how it is used today. We will also be looking at the life of Alan Turing who invented the Enigma machine to break Nazi codes in WWII.



In PE, our focus will be on gymnastics.

We will be working with partners, whilst travelling over and under a range of equipment. We will need to use a range of skills such as arches, bridges, leapfrogs and different types of rolls. We will also attempt to travel on our hands and hold challenging balances, which will enable us to showcase how strong we are!