




Welcome to Year 6

In year 6, we are taught by Mrs Harders, Mrs Leighton, Mrs Haque and Mrs Sahota.

In Year 6 this half term we shall be covering the following:

	<p>In Maths, we ll be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Place Value, including order and comparing numbers, rounding, reading and writing numbers up to 10,000,000 and negative numbers.* Adding and subtracting numbers with up to 6 digits* Methods of multiplication and division* For the final few units of the first term, children will need to have quick recall of all times tables up to 12x12, so please could they be rehearsed at home. If your child is already secure in them, then they can practise related times tables. For example, counting in 40's is similar to counting in 4's but the product is naturally 10 times larger. Counting and knowledge of place value is a really important skill in Upper Key Stage 2 as it is used in long division, fractions and many other concepts across the year.
	<p>This half term we will be exploring 'wishing stories' with a particular focus upon dialogue and showing the personality of the characters within the stories.</p> <p>Our class novel for this half term is 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. We will be looking into this in further detail in reading lessons, practising a variety of skills including retrieval, inferring using evidence from the text and summarising key points. Please encourage your child to read their library books at home daily to support their reading.</p> <p>Our SPaG focus will be a recap of identifying classes of words e.g. pronouns, adverbs etc, and ensuring that children understand the purposes of different types of punctuation. For example, semi-colons can be used between two main clauses.</p>
	<p>In Science, we'll be exploring the topic of Evolution and Inheritance. We will find out about what traits we inherit from our parents and grandparents along with how humans and other animals have evolved over time.</p> <p>We will be using a range of scientific skills such as making predictions, recording data and writing conclusions.</p> <p>In addition to this, we will be embarking on a trip to Twycross zoo to further support our understanding of this unit.</p>



This half term, we are studying Geography.

Within this area of study, our children will focus on South America. We will use knowledge from year 5 to help us locate and describe the physical features of the continent before concentrating on Brazil.

When looking at Brazil, we will think about the climate across different parts of the country, discuss the importance of the rain forest to its people and the rest of the world and investigate the diverse ecosystems found there.



Year 6 - 20th Century Popular Music - The Beatles

This half term in Music, we will listen, sing and perform a wide range of songs by The Beatles. What is your favourite Beatles song? The children will also be provided with opportunities to perform in solo and ensemble contexts: using their voices and playing instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. We are also working on developing our understanding of the history of music.



Let's talk about music: Did you know that the Beatles once had a pet octopus named "Octopus's Garden"? Octopus's Garden is also the name of one of their songs! The story goes that while they were recording their music, Ringo Starr, the drummer of the band, came up with the idea of having an octopus as a pet in their studio. Of course, they didn't really have a real octopus, but it inspired them to write a song about an underwater adventure in a magical garden where an octopus lives. So next time you listen to the Beatles' song "Octopus's Garden," you can imagine their imaginary pet octopus and the fun adventures they had with it! 🐙🎵
Suggested listening: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGc3pTbF5Mt1gcTHxg_end9XF_lqXXM7x



Year 6: In Art and Design, Year 6 will be focusing on illustration. The children will explore the work of different illustrators and use this as inspiration to create their own characters. Year 6 will discover how to draw different expressions on their characters to show different emotions.



Year 6 pupils will be learning how to introduce themselves in French. They will also be learning transactional language: how to communicate in a variety of settings such as an ice-cream shop, supermarket or souvenir shop.

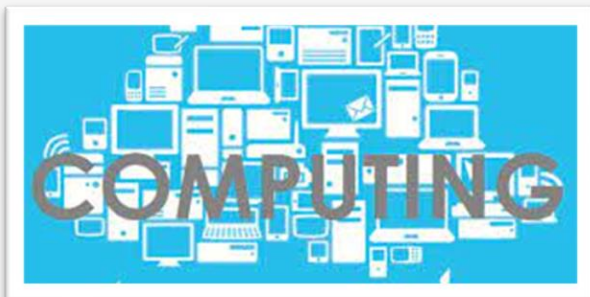


During our RE sessions, we will be learning about how Muslims show commitment to God by learning about the 5 Pillars of Islam. We will also consider what we are committed to in our daily lives and how we can show that we are dedicated to them.



Within PSHE, we've focused on regulating our emotions as part of our school's behaviour policy.

In addition, we'll be exploring how we can look after ourselves, both physically and mentally.



During the first term, year 6 will be looking at book publishing.

The children will learn to plan, illustrate and publish an art portfolio book of their work. Year 6 will learn the publishing process by creating a picture book, starting with storyboarding and drawing thumbnail images to organise a story. Once the ebooks are published, we will be able to share them with you.



In PE, our focus will be on tag rugby. We will be learning the rules of the game whilst also practicing our throwing and catching skills. Having perfected our basic skills, we will be applying these skills to small group games. Some of us will then be competing against other schools in a tag rugby tournament.