

Summer 1 in Year 6

English

This half term, we are continuing with our novel called 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo.

We will be writing a newspaper report based on the missing person and moving onto narrative writing, specifically to create tension.

Daily, we will have a GPS (grammar, punctuation, spelling) and reading focus in preparation for our SATS in May. Children are encouraged to use Century at home to follow up on our learning.

We are reading...



Reading for pleasure is really important to us in Year 6. Research shows that children who read for enjoyment experience greater success in reading comprehension, writing and overall attainment across the curriculum. Our class are currently reading 'The Ice Children' and are sharing recommendations regularly.

Maths

We continue to follow the White Rose scheme of learning. Our focus is this term is to consolidate all topics through reasoning problems and continue to practice arithmetic strategies. Each week, your child is set a maths nugget on Century which they must complete. This consolidates learning from within the classroom. Please expect an arithmetic paper to be brought home each Friday.

Science

This half term we will begin our new topic 'What Light Does'. We will build on prior knowledge to revisit how light travels in straight lines and enables us to see. We will make predictions and generation our own scientific observations through a range of different experiments to test: how light travels, shadows and what affects their size, refraction and how we see things. Your child may wish to do some further reading at home based on light or use the Century pathway which has been set.

Art

We are excited about our new art topic this term 'Places and Spaces - Graffiti'. Our topic is inspired by Keith Haring and Banksy who created art work to spread key messages to the world. We will be revisiting our drawing and printing skills to create a screen-printed t-shirt with an important message of our choice.



Geography

This term, our Geography topic is 'Investigating climate and biomes.' We will start by looking at climate zones and how they differ around the world and then investigate different biomes, looking particularly at their different characteristics. We will explore in depth the rainforest biome, looking at where in the world they are located, what it's like to live there and what are the biggest threats to the rainforests today.

Our topic will end where we look at what action we can take to become a more sustainable school.

DT

This term we will be completing our 'cooking and nutrition' unit. Our real life designer will be Joe Wicks; we will be using his ideas around healthy, quick yet nutritious cooking to help us design, create and evaluate our 'Grab and Go' products. During the 'making' stage, we will recap and build on previous learning regarding being safe in the kitchen, including using the correct knife methods/techniques.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will be studying the topic 'Data and Information – Spreadsheets'.

As always online safety is embedded throughout the curriculum and this half term we will focus specifically on Online Bullying and Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle.

PSHE

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economics) is taught through 'JIGSAW'. Our next topic is Relationships. This is taught over a series of six lessons where children will understand the importance of their own mental health, love and loss, power and control, being online and using technology responsibly.

Music and PE

This half term **Music** will be taught by our music specialist Mrs Heap, supported by the class teacher. Our new song will be called 'Hey, Mr Miller' and our music focus will be on Swing music and looking at scat singing.

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. The units this half term are tag rugby and badminton where children will revisit and revise their knowledge of applying basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

SATS week

SATS week is from Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2026

Monday 11th – Grammar and punctuation and spellings

Tuesday 12th- Reading

Wednesday 13th – Maths arithmetic and Reasoning 1

Thursday 14th – Maths reasoning 2

All Year 6 are invited to a free breakfast every morning in the lower hall at 8.15am.

We will have an after SATs party at the end of the week- more details to follow.