

Year 6 Newsletter

Summer 2 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Our learning focus this half term is 'Performance'. Below we have outlined what we will be covering as part of this topic, in addition to our English and Maths work. We hope that you will get involved in your children's work and contribute to their learning by discussing and supporting their schoolwork at home.

Attendance

It is important that your child's attendance remains above **97.5%** so that they do not fall behind.

Eagle: 92.2% Hawk: 91.4%

Target: 97.5%

As readers and writers...

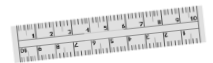


We will continue to use drama to engage with the Shakespeare play, *Macbeth*, and use this as a stimulus for pieces of writing including writing a speech and the ending to *Lady Macbeth's* story. Later in the term, we will have a workshop based around the play as a way to bring our learning to an end which has kindly been paid for by Friends of Ryelands.



We will also be studying the genre of storytelling through film. We will be watching *Paperman* and *I Am Greta* through the critical eye of a film reviewer. Looking carefully for themes and effects that change the focus of the story content.

As mathematicians we will be learning about...

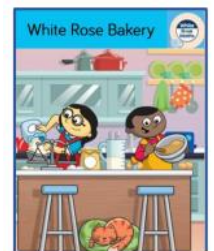


The application of mathematical theory into problem solving activities. We will use the White Rose project packs to showcase our understanding within practical settings:



The projects have been designed to explore maths in real life contexts, allowing children to see how important maths is in all aspects of life. As well as this we have looked to provide cross-curricular links where appropriate, for example, including tasks that develop design and technology skills and geographical knowledge. They also provide a great opportunity to explore and develop enterprise.

The projects provide an opportunity to revisit many of the skills and curriculum content covered both in Year 6 and also the rest of Key Stage 2.



As theologians...

We will be looking at celebrations in Buddhism Big Question: Why are celebrations important?

As linguists we will...

Year 6 will be looking at foods from Beijing, Chinese architecture, Xian's historical sites exploring mandarin vocabulary when travelling.

As computer scientists...

We will be looking at internet safety and how to determine starting and stopping values when creating loops in computer programs.

As scientists...

We will be investigating light and how it changes, depending on the environment. We will conduct experiments and document our findings scientifically.

As historians we will...

Investigate Shakespeare's legacy in the world today and how the content of his plays relied on historical events.

As artists and designers...

Our focus this half term is Indonesian batiks and creating textile patterns. We will be using dyes and waxes to create new fabrics.

In DT, we will be studying food technology and baking food from around the world.

Performance



As geographers...

We will consider our place in the world and carry out fieldwork in our local area.

As musicians...

We will be working on our end of year production, which will include singing, dancing and responding to music. Rehearsals will begin next week with Mr Isdale leading our acting, singing and performance.

As athletes...

Coach will be teaching Year 6 outdoor PE each week, which will include athletics and object control. Dance will be taught by the class teachers and focus on stability and locomotion.

As good citizens...

We will be looking at transitions in different parts of our lives, secondary school being the next step for Year 6. Also, how self-confidence can help you develop key skills and support your own learning.

Notices and reminders

- PE sessions will be on **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY** afternoons. Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school every week.
- There will be a number of trips this term, including our residential, please ensure you return slips as soon as possible after they are sent out. These are usually found on MCAS.
- In Year 6, it is vital that children continue to read and discuss books with adults. It is expected that this will happen every day for at least 20 minutes. Children must write down their opinions and observations in their Reading Records. Parents should sign.
- **Homework:** There will be English and Maths homework each week and 10 spellings that will be tested the following week. Homework will be set on Fridays and must be handed in no later than Wednesday morning the following week. Please sign to say you have seen it. Children will continue to use 'Sumdog' and 'Mathshed' to consolidate understanding of number patterns. Tested spellings are all on Spelling Shed and will be allocated by the class teacher on a rolling program.
- Please remind your child to be 'learning ready' when they come into class; iPad charged, PE kit, reading book, homework etc.
- If you can help with the prom in anyway, please let us know.

Year 6 Team

Eagle

Class Teacher: Miss Fisher

Teaching Assistant: Ms Eaves, Ms White, Ms Sarah

Hawk

Class Teacher: Miss Man