

Year 6 Newsletter Summer 2 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our learning focus this half term is 'Performance'. Below we have outlined what we will be covering as part of this topic. In addition, we will be completing any topics that remain from Spring 2 and Summer 1 particularly as artists and designers. 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.

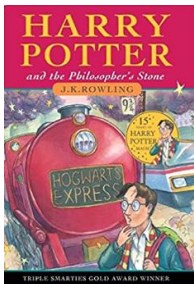
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As readers and writers...



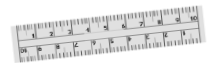
We will be completing our unit on 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by writing a narrative and creating a non-chronological report about a mythical creature.



We will 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.



As mathematicians we will be learning about...

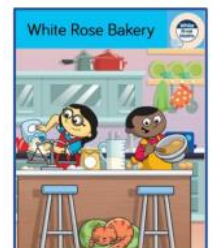


The application of mathematical theory into problem solving activities. We will use the White Rose project packs to showcase our understanding within practical settings:



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.

Using technology...

We will be looking at computer simulations, AI and the internet. We will then showcase all our skills in a final project.

As scientists...

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

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As historians...

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

As geographers...

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

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.

As musicians...

We will be working on our end of year production, which will include singing, dancing and responding to music. Adam has already been in to allocate parts and we have started to learn the songs.

As sports people...

Coach will be teaching Year 6 outdoor PE each week, which will focus on athletics. Dance will focus on preparing our Olympic Dance for the Dance Festival on the 1st July.

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. We will also be covering RSE. These are the RSE elements to be covered: changes in my life, loving relationships and reproduction. You can find the content of these lessons on the school website.

Notices and reminders:

- Please encourage the use of Maths Shed and Sumdog at home. These are both excellent resources to develop your child's mathematical fluency.
- Please ensure that your child is reading daily and recording this in their reading record. It is expected they will record in it at least 5 times over a week. Please try and listen to your child once a week and sign their reading record. They will get a reward for each completed page.
- Homework will be set every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday morning at the latest. There is a task and arithmetic questions. This can be completed on Showbie or in the homework book. Please try and comment on your child's work.
- Please ensure that your child is learning the weekly spellings. These can be found on Showbie and on Spelling Shed. They will be tested on the following Friday.
- PE is on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. The children must ensure that their PE kits to school. They will come home in their PE kit on a Thursday so please ensure it is returned for a Friday.
- Soft starts will be Monday to Thursday from 8:40.
- Tuck shop is held on a Friday after school and is raising money for the Prom. Please support Year 6 by visiting - items cost between 20p and £1. If we are not in school on a Friday, it will be held on a Thursday instead.
- If you can help contribute in some way towards the Prom, please speak to one of us.
- If you have any further questions, we will be in the playground each afternoon at 3.25pm and are more than happy to talk.

Key dates:

5th June - Trip to the Buddhist Temple

14th June - Trip to Chessington (5:30pm return)

19th June - Sports Day

21st June - Inset Day

26th June - Trip to National Archives (5:30pm return)

27th June - Coping with Challenge Workshop (in school)

1st July - Dance Festival

3rd and 4th July - First Aid Workshops (in school and paid for by FOR)

10th July - Production (5:30pm for a 6:00pm start)

12th July - Trip to Science Museum

16th July - Trip to Limehouse Basin (3:30pm return)

17th July - Leaver's Prom (5pm-6:30pm)

18th July - Leaver's Picnic Lunch (1:15pm-2pm)

18th July - Leaver's Assembly (2:15pm - 3pm)

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Team

Class Teachers: Mrs Smith, Mrs Lula and Miss Fisher

TAs: Ms White, Ms Child and Ms Davis

UKS2 Phase Leader: Mrs Smith