



YEAR 6 TOPIC NEWS Spring 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a lovely holiday. Our learning questions for the Spring term are: 'Which civilisations have changed the world?' and 'Can you see sound?'

Topic

Our first topic begins with the study of the Mayan and Benin civilisations. The next topic is about sight and sound. Year 6 will be learning about the human eye and ear and will investigate whether sound can travel through different objects and learn how light travels. Linked to our topics, in English, the children will be writing balanced arguments, recounts, persuasive writing and adventure and horror narratives.

Science

Through our topics, we will be developing: investigative skills, enquiry skills, reasoning skills and a greater understanding of the world.

Computing

In Computing, Year 6 will learn how to use different programs for purpose as well as how to become market researchers.

P.E.

This year, the professional sports company, 'Star Sports', will teach P.E, focusing on Invasion Games (ball handling). Please remember that children should bring in a suitable P.E kit at all times (including a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for the colder weather). Earrings should be removed. If your child does not have a P.E. kit, they will not be able to take part.

Art and DT

During the term, we will be designing and printing a range of celebration cards with a view to raising funds for a charity such as WWF.

Music

In music, Year 6 will have opportunities to listen to a variety of music linked to our topics and compose their own music as a response. We will also be studying the history of music through English.

PSHE and R.E.

In PSHE we will be teaching the children the importance of financial stability as well as teaching them how to reflect on themselves and their relationships. In R.E. we will be discussing Christian and Humanist values and debating moral concepts such as fairness and honesty.

Homework

English and Maths homework is given out weekly on a **Friday** and is due in on the following **Tuesday**. Children will be given spelling homework on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday; times tables will be tested three times a week. Spelling and times tables are a huge part of the New Curriculum so please help your child/children practise. One piece of creative homework should be completed each half term.

Creative Homework

Can you see sound?	AD900
1. Create a model of the ear or eye.	1. Build a Mayan ruin from recyclable materials.
2. Research and present information on the ear and/or eye and how they work.	2. Research and present a handwritten project on either: Benin civilization or Mayan civilisation.
3. Create your own musical instrument and explain how sound is made by it.	3. Design a Mayan mask and make it.
4. Build a parallel circuit and include a series of lights that flicker. Explain how you have done it.	4. Research theories of how/why each of these civilisations/empires fell and present your findings.
5. Create an adventure story or poem about a character who has lost their sense of sight or sound and the challenges they undertake in order to survive.	5. Research the influence that each of the topics have had on modern day society.

School Trips

This term we will be going on a trip that is linked to our topics which are all science based. We will confirm details closer to the time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask us.

Thank you,

Mrs Bishop and Miss Brewster