



YEAR 6 TOPIC NEWS

Autumn 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic summer holiday. Our learning question for the autumn term is: '**How accurately is the Victorian era depicted through literature?**' and this question will be the starting point for many different subjects this term.

English

Linked to our topic, in English, the children will be writing diary entries, discussion texts, character and setting descriptions, historical narratives, biographies, a persuasive letter and ghost stories, all linked to our class books, *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

Maths

This term children will be developing their understanding of place value, the four operations, including long division and long multiplication, fractions, decimals and percentages, geometry, algebra and ratio. They will also be developing their problem solving skills,

History, Geography & Science

This term, Year 6 are reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty which tells the story of a young boy experiencing the hardships of living in Victorian times. This book will give the children an insight into the living and working conditions of the era as well as providing an exciting stimulus for their writing across a range of genres. The children will gain a sound understanding of this topic by researching key facts, events and significant individuals who have helped shape history. In geography, they will be learning about the rise and fall of the British Empire and economic activity including trade links. In science, the pupils will be looking at evolution and inheritance and will gain an understanding that living things produce offspring of the same kind but with some variation. In addition, they will also be comparing electricity from the past and present and researching how the use of electricity has changed since its invention.



Computing

In computing, Year 6 will be learning how to create their own app. They will also develop their research skills using different search engines and combine data from different sources to create presentations and slide shows.

PE

This year, the professional sports company, 'Star Sports', will teach PE. The two units for the autumn term are Games and Dance. Please remember that children should wear their PE kit to school on their PE days (**ELM**: Monday & Wednesday; **OAK**: Tuesday & Thursday) and earrings should be removed. If your child does not have a PE kit, they will not be able to take part.

PSHE and RE

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Working Together' and 'Managing Risk'. In RE we will be discussing Christian and Humanist values and debating moral concepts such as fairness and honesty.

Art and DT

During the term, Year 6 will be looking at paintings from the Pre-Raphaelite period, as well as studying the work of William Morris and Claude Monet. In DT, the children will be designing and creating a traditional puppet theatre.

Music

In music, Year 6 will have opportunities to listen to a variety of music linked to our topic and create their own themed pieces using a variety of percussion instruments, glockenspiels and their voice. Children will continue to learn about pitch, pulse and rhythm and they will also be learning to perform as part of a group using different harmonies. They will also participate in learning and performing songs as part of our Christmas celebration, following government guidance.

French

In our French lessons, we will continue to extend our vocabulary and develop our understanding of French grammar, looking in particular at the rules for writing adjectives.

School Trips

Due to government guidance, trips have not been planned for the Autumn Term. As and when guidance changes, more information will be sent to you about school trips.

Homework

English and Maths homework is set weekly on a **Friday** and is due in on the following **Tuesday**. Children will be given spelling and times tables homework on a Friday and they will be tested the following Friday. Spelling and times tables are a huge part of the New Curriculum so please help your child/children practise these **daily**. Two maths tasks will be uploaded each Friday to MyMaths along with grammar and/or a writing task on Bug Club or Purple Mash. Children will be expected to complete all tasks in preparation for an increased amount of homework at secondary school next year. Children should also read to an adult every day and this needs to be written **daily** in their reading record with meaningful comments. Please ask your child questions as they read to you to improve their comprehension.

As we are currently unable to talk to parents at the classroom door, if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning or anything that you need to inform us about, please email us using the class emails which will be checked daily.

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Thank you

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