

Over the next term, Year 6 will be studying a range of topics which will be taught through focus weeks. Here you will find a brief introduction to subjects studied and useful links and advice to support your child this year.

English

We will be reading and writing different genres, both fiction and non-fiction. Children will focus on and explore the different techniques used by authors. They will then apply these techniques to write a story based on the text **'Kensuke's Kingdom'** by Michael Morpurgo, Everest by Sangma Francis and Lisk Feng and The Journey by Francesca Sanna. Children can access spelling, punctuation and grammar games at: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

This term in VIPERS we will be focusing on the texts **'Oranges in No Man's Land'** by Elizabeth Laird and **'Race to the Pole'** by Meredith Hooper. These sessions focus on the Vocabulary in books, Inference (clues in the text), Predicting, Explaining, Retrieving evidence and Summarising texts. This helps the children gather a deeper understanding of the texts they are reading.

Maths

This term children will be learning a range of skills around number and place value, the four operations, geometry, measure and statistics. There will be a particular focus on strategies for solving arithmetic as well as a focus on formal written calculations. Pupils will be given opportunities to apply their skills in reasoning and problem-solving tasks too. Excellent support materials can be found via the BBC KS2 Bitesize revision website. This can be found at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

Science

Our Science topic teaches children about light and how we see things. We will be learning about how shadows are formed as well as looking how light travels. Interesting video clips that can support your child's learning can be found at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbssgk7>

New Vocabulary: shadow, transparent, translucent, reflect, refraction, light rays.



Year 6

Our Learning Journey

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Curriculum

Geography – The Americas

Children will name and locate countries in North and South America and identify their main physical and human characteristics. They will understand the reasons for climate differences in regions of North and South America. Help your child to identify the countries of North and South America by sharing maps, atlases and globes. Can you find any famous rivers, mountain ranges or volcanoes in these areas? *Google Maps* is a simple and interactive tool to use!

New Vocabulary:

North America, South America, Physical characteristic, Human characteristic.

History: Early Islamic Civilisation

Children will learn about the early Islamic Civilisation and its impact on the wider world. We will use historical artefacts to understand what life was like for these ancient people. They will compare the life of people living in that time to their own life and experiences today. Children will also learn about the cultural and economic significance of the ancient Islamic Civilisations. The following website has many interesting facts and activities that will enhance your child's learning. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tg4wx>

New Vocabulary:

House of Wisdom, Manuscript, Caliphate, Scholar, Crusades, civilisation

Art:

This term, year 6 will be focusing on sketching and improving their observational drawing. Pupils will continue to add to their sketchbooks to record their observations, experiment with media and review ideas.

Design technology: Structures

Throughout the topic children will be taught joining techniques using a range of materials to help build a simple freestanding structure of their own. Children will also use a wider range of equipment to further improve their construction skills.

PE

Children will have PE lessons on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. This term we will be hockey and tennis.

Please remember to have your PE kit in school at all times as there may be occasions where PE lessons have to be moved to a different day. Long hair should be tied back. Please remember bangles, bracelets and rings should not be worn in school. They can be a distraction to learning, get lost or stolen and are dangerous when the children are out on the playground. ALL jewellery must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety reasons.

Computing

Children will be taught a number of key ICT skills linked to inputting and presenting their work as well as coding. We will also learn about how to stay **safe online**. Please ensure that this is reinforced at home if children have access to devices where the internet can be accessed.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we will be looking at 'Dreaming Big'. We will learn the importance of perseverance and how to stay motivated when we are finding something we are doing challenging. We will discuss our dreams and ambitions and how we can work towards them, as well as how we can help others to achieve their dreams and goals.

RE

In RE lessons we will be learning about worship in different religions. The children will learn about religious beliefs about things being eternal. They will explore the meaning and look how it is used in the Christian religion. They will also make comparisons with the Buddhist religion, looking at key facts and ideas the religion is based upon.



Homework

Reading at home: We would like reading books and diaries in school EVERY DAY and would expect that your child reads at home **daily**. Please aim to sign their diaries at least 3 times each week. Remember they don't have to only read school books.

KS2 SATs

What can I do to help my child prepare for the SATs? The simple answer is this: Practise with them. Take fifteen or twenty minutes out of the day, as often as possible, to sit with your child and support them while they study their reading, SPAG or maths. Do a little bit of each section every day, so they build their confidence and ability on both parts of the test, and start early, so that it doesn't feel like they have to cram a year's worth of work into the last month before the exam!

Have a look at the following websites for help with SATs revision

BBC bite size <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Poetry recital: Each half term children will be given 2 poems to learn at home. They must be able to recite the poem without any mistakes and answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of content, techniques and vocabulary. This helps improve children's skills of speaking clearly and slowly as well as enhancing their imagination and vocabulary range—this improves their writing. Poetry often comes up in year 6 SATs so it is imperative that they are familiar with a range of different types of poetry, techniques and structures.

Thank you for your support.

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