

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 text '**Good Night Mr Tom**' by Michelle Magorian. 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, fractions and measurement. 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

Children will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.

New Vocabulary: Fossils, Evolution, Species, Adaption.



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Our Learning Journey

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Curriculum

Geography – Trade

In this unit children will explore human and physical geography of worldwide locations, including land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. They will understand global trade links and understand fair trade and how these impact different people in different locations.

New Vocabulary:

Trade, Natural, resources, Fair Trade, Global supply chain, primary, secondary, tertiary

History: World War 2

In this unit children will learn about the impact of the Second World War on Britain. Children will understand the reasons for the outbreak of war. Children will see how life changed for the people at that time and there will be a particular focus on the impact of the war in our locality (Dudley). The unit allows children to identify how life changed because of the war, for example the role of women in society before, during and after the war. Artefacts and primary sources are focussed, where possible, on the experiences of people / children in Dudley during the war.

New Vocabulary:

Blitz, Home Front, Axis Powers, Allied Powers, Dictator, Propaganda, Air Raid Shelter, Fascism

Art:

This term, year 6 will be focusing on sculpture, based on the work of Alberto Giacometti. They will use a range of materials creatively to design and make sculptures.

Design technology: Celebrating Culture and Seasonality

Throughout the topic children will be taught a range of cooking skills in order to create a seasonal dish. Children will analyse existing products, create their own design criteria, make a seasonal dish and finally evaluate their product..

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.

Miss Hall, Mrs May, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Wagstaff

