

## Curriculum Letter for Year 6 – Autumn Term 2 2023

### General Information

After a very successful and enjoyable first half term, we look forward to a hard-working and exciting second half. Parliament Week takes place from 6<sup>th</sup> November, which links with our English text about the Suffragettes and Citizenship area of PSHE.

### Curriculum

In Year 6, there are three groups for both Maths and English, for most lessons. This includes the two Year 6 teachers plus Mrs Bolton and Mrs Statham. These groups are fluid and are changed frequently. This also means lower group sizes for Maths and English. It also helps to get the children used to a range of teachers and teaching styles, ready for transition to secondary school.

**Maths:** This half term we will start with a focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will solve calculations of fractions using all four number operations. We will also look at equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then move on to shape and angles. This will include knowing and understanding properties of 2D and 3D shape as well as finding angles both with a protractor and as a missing angle problem. Finally, we will revise area and perimeter and solve problems using the formulae for these. The language and vocabulary associated with these areas, will also be taught and modelled. Children will continue building reasoning skills to support their answers.

**English:** Our first English unit this half term focuses on the book *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality*, which was written by David Roberts and published in 2018 to mark the anniversary of women receiving the vote. It is an illustrated information book which works chronologically through the history of suffrage, though in this sequence of learning we focus on some key events and use these to write balanced arguments. Following this, we will be looking at *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. We will look closely at the text and develop our skills in figurative language and writing dialogue, building up to writing our own narrative piece, based on a scene from the book.

**Science:** Our second science topic is 'Light'. We will look at how light travels and also how light is reflected and shadows are formed. They will also look at coloured light and rainbows and use scientific skills to raise and answer questions.

**History:** Our history unit is 'The Ancient Greeks: What did the Greeks do for us?' In this unit, the children will learn about aspects of political, social and cultural Ancient Greek life. They will focus on some concepts in depth, such as the systems of government, democracy, religion and the importance of the Olympic Games. They will examine the legacy of the Ancient Greeks and will have opportunities for further study of areas of interest. There will be links made to Parliament Week, too.

**Art:** We will be studying the unit 'Painting and mixed media: Artist study.' Children will learn how artists tell stories or show feelings in their artwork, interpret a picture, and suggest its meaning. They will look closely at a picture and notice details, describing them using the formal elements and then express how a piece of artwork makes them feel. Finally, the children will demonstrate an understanding of painting techniques to make personal choices when creating their own artwork.

**Music:** For this half term, our unit is 'Classroom jazz' and all the learning is focused around two tunes and improvising: 'Bacharach Anorak' and 'Meet The Blues'.

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**Computing:** Our unit this half-term is '*We are connected*'. In this unit, pupils use blogging to explore issues related to social media. They will research a chosen topic, thinking carefully about how to decide whether information is reliable or not. We will also focus on internet safety and discuss some strategies for dealing with online bullying.

**RE:** This half term we start with a short unit where we look at the question: *Should every Christian go on a pilgrimage?* We look at what a pilgrimage is and what the experience of a pilgrimage is like for a Christian. Our next unit is Christmas and we answer the question: How do Christians advertise Christmas to show what Christmas means today? We will learn about the difference between the secular and religious views of Christmas. We will also look at a variety of different Gospel accounts of the Nativity in the Bible and discuss the similarities and differences.

**PSHE:** This half term, we will be continuing our unit *Family and Relationships* where we will discuss the importance of respect and challenging stereotypes. We also have a workshop organised by Enfield Safer Schools about personal and online safety.

**French:** In the second half term our unit will be *Le Jeux Olympiques* (The Olympics). The children will learn to discuss the basic history of the Olympics, learn the nouns for the sports and describe their likes / dislikes.

**Class Read:** Short stories including Greek Myths. 'A Christmas Carol' abridged version.

### PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Thursdays with Coach Romaine. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Fridays. Indoor PE kits stay in school.

### Reading and Spellings

Our expectation is that **daily** reading happens at home. The reading record book is for the children to record their daily reading. This should be signed at least once a week by an adult. Children must also have a reading book in class every day, as this is part of the daily guided and independent reading session. Spelling lists for Y5 and 6 will be sent home and children will be required to learn these throughout the year. Spellings will be used in their writing and tested, when necessary.

### Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on *Microsoft Teams* and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on the work set on *Teams*.

### Key Dates and events

Y5&Y6 Parliament week	6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Odd Socks Day	13 <sup>th</sup> November
Enfield Safer Schools Workshop	15 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents Evenings	14 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu Vaccinations	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Junior Carol Service at St Andrews Church	14 <sup>th</sup> December
End of term	20 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm
First day of Spring term	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024