

Curriculum Letter for Year 6 – Autumn Term 2 2025

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 for Year 5 and 6 from 24th November. It also links nicely with our English text called *Suffragettes* and Citizenship unit of PSHE. We have a poetry day to look forward to, as well as the theatre visit to see *The Lion King*! More details to follow.

Curriculum

Maths: In Year 6, there are two fluid groups for Maths, which are changed frequently according to the units we are studying. This half term we will solving calculation problems including using brackets, following the order of operations and solving equations with unknown values. Later in the term, we will move on to fractions and decimals. We will be deepening our knowledge of equivalences, adding and subtracting fractions and learning how to multiply and divide fractions. We will end the half term exploring percentages of amounts and equivalences with fractions and decimals.

English: We begin this half term exploring poetry, focusing on *The Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll. We will be performing this poem to the rest of the school as part of Poetry Day! Our focus then changes to the book *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality*, in time for Parliament Week! This book 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 writing skills using figurative language and dialogue, building up to writing our own narrative piece. We will also be looking at theatre reviews and writing our own following our trip to watch the *Lion King*.

Science: Our second science topic is 'Light'. We will look at how light travels and also how light is reflected and shadows are formed. Also a look at coloured light and rainbows, using 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 the learning is focused around two tunes and improvising: 'Bacharach Anorak' and 'Meet The Blues'. We will use the glockenspiels and recorders in the composing and performing parts of the unit.

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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 starting our *Citizenship* Unit where we will discuss the importance of education, environmental issues relating to food and caring for others around us. We will also explore prejudice and discrimination, alongside valuing diversity within society. Year 6 will also take part in Parliament week, holding debates and voting on a referendum. Some of the Year 5 pupils from St. Paul's School will be joining us.

French: This half term our topic will be **The Weather**. The children will learn the vocabulary needed to describe different weather conditions. They will then use this new knowledge, combined with their existing knowledge of days of the week and times of day, to describe what the weather is like. By the end of this unit the children will have the knowledge and skills to describe the weather verbally and in writing.

Class Read: We will be finishing *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson

[PE Days](#)

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Thursdays with Coach Kymani. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Mondays for 6W and Wednesdays for 6B. 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](#)

Anti Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day (Mon 10 th)	w/c 10 th November
Parent meetings (letter emailed)	11 th November
Michael Rosen Day	13 th November
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PTA Neon Disco	14 th November (after school)



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Anti-Bullying Week	10 th November
Michael Rosen Poetry Day	14 th November
Parliament Week	w/c 24 th November
'Murder on the Orient Express' at Chace Community	3 rd December
PTA Christmas Fayre	5 th December (after school)
'Lion King' Theatre trip	10 th December
Term ends at 2p.m.	19 th December
Start of Spring term	5 th January