Year 6 Autumn 2025

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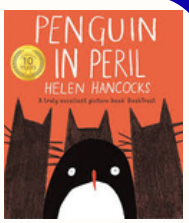
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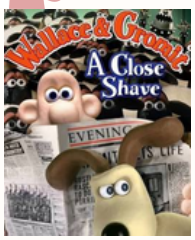
Welcome back!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break, the new school year is off to a great start. Year 6 have already blown us away with their positivity, maturity, and enthusiasm—it's such a joy to see! We're so excited for all the fun, challenges, and adventures ahead, and can't wait to share this fantastic year of learning with them.



Our book this term is Penguin in Peril





Our film to inspire writing this term is A Close Shave



English

Our initial focus in English is looking at how stories are told visually-in picture books, comics and films-using these as a starting point for narrative writing, utilising speech to advance the action and description. After completing our narrative writing, we will move on to exploring non-fiction texts.

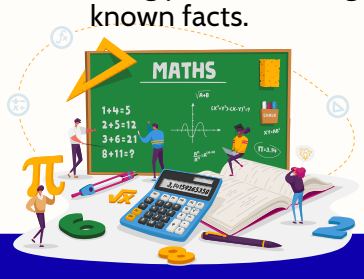
We will be learning how to write a film review, focusing on expressing our opinions clearly and supporting them with evidence. Building on our work with films, we will also be creating balanced arguments around the topic of censorship. This will lead into a class debate, giving us the opportunity to practise and develop our oracy skills.

We will also have many other opportunities to continually practise our oracy skills, as we look to become confident speakers and presenters, whatever the situation.



Maths

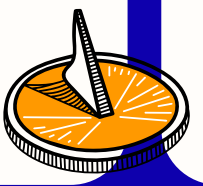
In Maths, pupils will be focussing on place value, particularly rounding, comparing and ordering numbers, negative numbers and how to use their mathematical vocabulary to reason in order to solve problems. The children will also be focussing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, in particular long division. They will also be finding common factors and multiples, prime numbers, square and cube numbers and using their knowledge of number to complete mental calculations and reasoning problems using known facts.



Science

As Scientists, we will be learning how light allows us to see, experimenting with refraction, shadows, building our own sundials, and finding out how to protect our eyes.





Geography

As Geographers, we will be extending our understanding of OS maps, being able to read and understand them, and give a 6-figure grid reference.

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RE



In RE, we consider the question, 'For Christians, what kind of a King was Jesus?', considering different opinions and approaching our findings from theological, philosophical and social science perspectives. We will be thinking about what Jesus is like as a king, what he wants for the world, and how the Kingdom of God can be seen as being like heaven. This will help us to understand Christian beliefs about Jesus' role and his vision for a better world.





Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about networks – what they are, how they work, and how they connect different devices. The children will also consider the safety aspects of networks, including both the positive and negative ways they can be used. We will then move on to blogging, exploring the features of blogs and how they can be used to engage an audience effectively. Finally, the children will plan and create their own blog post.

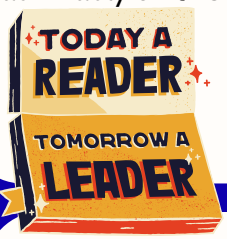




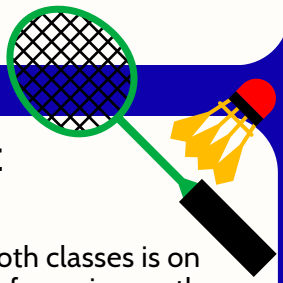
Homework and Home Reading

The children have SPAG, Maths and Reading homework each week. Homework is set each Friday and is due the following Wednesday. All homework will be set online on SATs Companion, to help pupils prepare for their move to secondary school where homework is generally set and completed online.

All pupils have been allocated their level for Accelerated Reader and are selecting books appropriate from their reading level to read. Please remember to encourage your child to read for 10 – 15 minutes daily at home. Once a book is complete, pupils can quiz on their book at school and earn points for their Accelerated Reader profile! Year 6 are working admirably on this and each class is beginning to achieve impressive word counts each week. Keep it up Year 6!

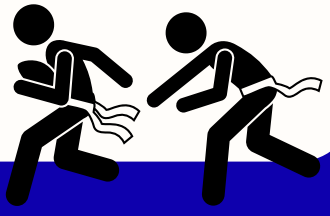






PE

PE for both classes is on Tuesdays, focussing on the games of Tag Rugby and Badminton. Please ensure your child attends school in their their full PE Kit on those days, including shoes suitable for wearing outside. Hair should be tied up and jewellery should not be worn.



Dates for diary

- 1st October - 31st October -Black History Month
- Monday 6th October - Y6 Harvest Festival Family Event
- Monday 13th October - Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Raffle
- 27th -3st October - Half-Term
- Thursday 20th November - PTA Movie Night
- Friday 21st November - Flu Vaccines
- Friday 12th December - PTA Elfridges

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