Year 6 Autumn 2025

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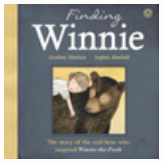
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Autumn Term

Year 6 continue to impress us every day with their enthusiastic and mature attitude towards learning and embracing all areas of school life. We delve into a topic this half term which we know the pupils are very excited for: World War One, in addition to a host of other compelling subjects and opportunities.



Our books this term are Finding Winnie, The Christmas Truce and Stay Where You Are and Then Leave









English

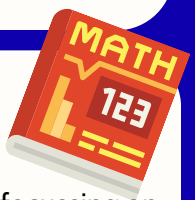


Children will be encouraged to maintain positive attitudes to reading and an understanding of what they read by continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books. Children will discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader. They will also answer a wide range of questions providing reasoned justification for their views.

The children will be selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning. When writing narratives, they will be describing settings, characters and atmosphere. They will also develop a persuasive non- fiction piece of writing and detailed recount. We will finish by creating a winter - themed personification poem.



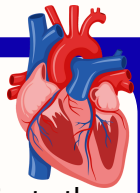




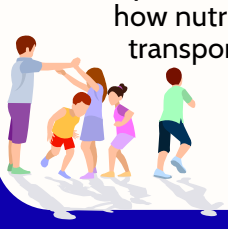
In Maths, pupils will be focussing on fractions, including simplifying, comparing and ordering, adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers and solving problems involving fractions. This will lead to multiplying and dividing fractions, finding fractions of an amount and problem-solving involving all four operations. We will also study geometry, specifically position and direction, looking at how we use coordinates to describe position, how coordinates can have positive or negative values, applying knowledge of properties of shape to problems on a coordinate grid and move and change shapes through translation and reflection. Pupils revisit and hone a range of maths skills on a daily basis through Morning Maths.



Science



As Scientists, we will investigate the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood and their roles in the circulatory system, recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on our bodies and find out how nutrients and water are transported in our bodies.

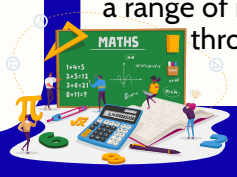




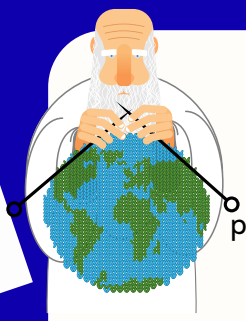
History

As Historians, we will explore many aspects of World War One, looking to answer the question: 'How does opposition create conflict?'





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RE



Our RE unit is 'Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?', as we ask if it is possible to have faith while also accepting scientific theories about creation and evolution.



Heartsmart

Transition sessions-focusing on key social, emotional and practical skills needed for moving up to secondary school-continue monthly.

Computing



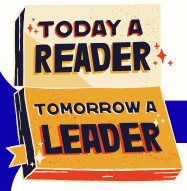
In Computing, we are learning how to interpret data as graphs and charts and selecting the most appropriate graph to convey different types of information.



Homework and Home Reading

The children have Spelling and Maths homework each week. Homework is set each Friday and is due the following Wednesday. Spelling will be set in exercise books which pupils will take home and complete using strategies of their choosing which work best for them, while Maths and Reading will be set on SATs Companion. If pupils have any issues regarding homework, please encourage them to speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

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 brilliantly on this, and both classes have already amassed class totals in excess of 4,000,000 words. Competition between the classes remains fierce!



PE



PE for both classes is Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full PE Kit in school on Tuesdays, including kit and shoes suitable for wearing outside. Hair should be tied up and jewellery should not be worn.





Dates for diary

- **Friday 12th December - Kemp Rudolph Run & PTA Elfidges Christmas Shop**
- **Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Year 6 Carol Concert 6pm**
- **Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Services for pupils**
- **Thusrday 18th December - Class Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumpers**
- **Monday 5th January 2026 - School re-opens to pupils**

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