



Welcome to Class 11's Autumn Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to Year 6! The children have settled into their new class very well and have taken on the responsibility of being the oldest in the school: they are already excellent role models for the younger children to look up to and we are very proud of them all. Year 6 is an exciting and busy year, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Year 6 through a newsletter.

Remember we are using Google Classroom for spellings, homework and updates.

Thank you, Mr Ryan and Miss Dalgarno.



Maths

This term the children will be securing their knowledge of place value and the four operations (+ - x ÷). They will be using long multiplication and introduced to long division. If you would like any help with how we carry out these calculations to help children, please do not hesitate to see a teacher. We will then learn about fractions (simplifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, finding fractions of amounts). After this, we will look at position and direction.

Weekly 'times tables tests' will be completed on a Friday. Please support your child in learning their times tables – you could quiz them on the way to and from school!

TTRockstars is a brilliant way of having fun whilst learning times tables. Look out for battles against other classes!



English



This term in English, we will be writing different genres linking to our History topic about African American Civil Rights. We will be writing a biography about Katherine Johnson who was an African American employed by NASA, during a time of segregation, and contributed greatly to America's success in 'The Space Race'. As well as this, we will be looking at Bob Dylan's 'Emmett Till' and Martin Luther King's speech in Washington D.C for the inspiration for diary entries associated with the Civil Rights Movement.

Children will be using higher level punctuation and using a range of sentence types to make their writing effective.

We will also be working hard on our handwriting, spelling and presentation.

Science



During the Autumn term we will be learning evolution and inheritance. Within this we will begin by creating different types of fossils and learning about what they show us. We will then go on to look at how all animals, including humans have evolved to the species they are today. As well as this, we will explore electric circuits and how different components can be used.



RE

This term we will be studying the three themes of: Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). We are encouraging the children to become philosophers by engaging in philosophy lessons at the start of each topic to answer the BIG question. We will also study Judaism as our other religion.

In Year 6, the children will be encouraged to increase their depth of religious knowledge and understanding by exploring a variety of religious sources such as hymns, artwork, prayers and scripture.

PSE



To highlight the importance of PSE, we will be participating in PSE launch day where we look at an individual lesson from each of the three strands: relationships, living in the wider world and health and wellbeing. From there we will teach an individual lesson once a week which provides the children with lots of opportunities for engaging discussions.

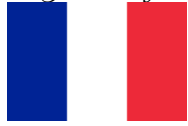
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Our P.E lessons this topic will be delivered by Jamie Poole and supported by our teaching staff. For the first half term we will be developing our skills within tag rugby before we go on to practise basketball (boys) and netball (girls). The children will learn the rules of basketball and tag rugby and develop ball skills including passing backwards and scoring.

They will practise various techniques and then practise these against their opponents. The children will build on their teamwork skills from last year. Please remember to have PE Kits in school (white tops/red shorts and trainers).

French

Bonjour! In French our topic will be, 'Le Weekend' where we will be talking about activities, learning to ask and say what others do, talk about what we like and dislike and writing a diary in French.



Art, Music and D&T

In art we will create a story quilt as a class. Each individual pupil will research an inspirational figure and will use painting, stitching and fabric pen skills to decorate their own individual piece of fabric before a class quilt is made.

In D&T children will be using their electricity skills learned in Science to make their very own light-up game. The games will be similar to 'Operation' where they use LED lights and sounds as a "warning" when the circuit is complete.

In Music we will be learning 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

Computing

We will be learning about E-safety ensuring that the children know can safely use a variety of devices as well as knowing what to do if they come across any inappropriate content.

We will also start to look at coding by using a programme called Scratch. The children will be given a variety of scenarios to create such as stories and games.

History & Geography

Our History topic will also be the Civil Rights movement. We will start by looking at the transatlantic slave trade and move chronologically forward up to present day.

Particular events we will look at will be the abolition of slavery, peaceful and violent protests and inspirational figures such as Katherine Johnson and Martin Luther King.



Homework

Reading is very important! Please listen to your child read every night if possible (minimum 3 times a week) and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. It would be appreciated if you could also write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with their reading.

Spellings will continue to be sent home every other Friday. Please help your child to learn their words each week for a test on the following Thursday.

Important Dates!

Parent-Teacher meeting: Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October.

The last school day of this half-term is Thursday 21st October.

Children return to school on Monday 1st November.

School is closed on Friday 26th November (additional NPEAT holiday for Queen's Jubilee).

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service on Friday 10th December

Christmas holiday begins on Friday 17th December.

Don't forget to visit our website for more information: <https://etking.npeat.org.uk/>

