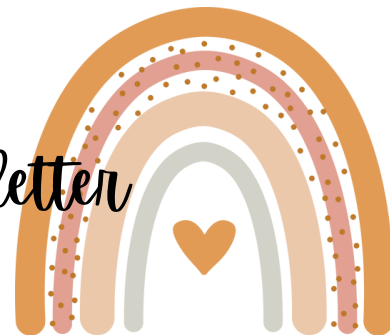


Year 6

Spring Newsletter



Happy New Year

The pupils have made an excellent start to the Spring term. The children are ready to begin their countdown towards secondary school and we want it to be a successful 2025 for them all. We want to send this newsletter to let you know of the Spring term's curriculum plans and events happening in Year 6. If there is anything that we can do to help you, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child in their learning journey.

Mrs Angel and Miss Mullen

Maths

Maths topics for this terms will include

- Ratio
- Algebra
- Decimals
- Fractions, Percentages, Decimals
- Area, Perimeter and Volume
- Statistics

In addition to this, the pupils are currently working extremely hard to improve their arithmetic fluency and times tables knowledge. This will all support their understanding in maths lessons.

English

Writing

We will be studying the following genres this term:

- Extended third person narrative (adventure stories)
- Explanatory texts
- News report
- Autobiography
- First person stories with a moral

We will be analysing texts and working on our independent writing, using correct punctuation and grammar.

Reading

We will be reading Skellig, All Aboard Empire Windrush and The Island. We will working on our analysis skills, looking at the themes contained in the books and developing our reading skills.

Religious Education

Our three RE topics this term are

- Sources
- Unity
- Death and New Life

The pupils are have also enjoyed taking part in "The Golden Rule Day", studying Sikhism and "The Pilgrims of Hope" Retreat Day this term already.

The pupils are developing their skills to lead their peers ion prayer too.

Homework and SATs Boosters

Thank you for your continued support with homework and attendance at SATs booster sessions.. Everything that we send out is to support your child in preparation for SATs. If you have any questions, we are happy to help.

Dates for diaries

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| • | Parents' consultations - 20th February |
| • | SATs meeting for parents - 5th March |
| • | World Book Day - 6th March |
| • | Y6 Lenten Reflection - 11th April |



Wider CURRICULUM

Geography

- **British Geographical Issues** - In this unit, children will apply their knowledge of the UK to explore geographical issues such as air pollution, flooding, waste, and litter, using data and GIS to understand their impact and how government policies address these challenges.
- **North and South America** - In this unit, children will deepen their geographical knowledge by studying North America, including its biomes, map skills, and research techniques, building on previous studies of Europe, Asia, Australia, and the South Pacific, and preparing for future units on South America, Africa, and Globalisation. They will then use maps to explore South America's countries, physical features, and biomes, while building on previous knowledge of geology and empires, including studying the Inca Empire and the significance of Machu Picchu.

Science

We will study two science topics this term:

- **Electricity** - This unit helps children deepen their understanding of electrical conductors, explore how to adjust brightness and motor speed in circuits, learn the importance of conventional symbols for communication, conduct investigations on electric circuits, and connect electricity concepts to real-world phenomena.
- **Light** - This unit explores how mirrors and shiny surfaces affect light direction, the principles of reflection, shadow formation, refraction, light colours, and periscope construction, while highlighting Isaac Newton's contributions and the invention of the first reflecting telescope.

PSHE

We will be looking at Faith and Love in this topic and we will begin to think about how the children will be changing emotionally and physically as they grow and mature. We will be learning how to deal with the different pressures the children will face academically and socially, including thinking about responsibilities and choices.

Art

- **Renaissance architecture and sculpture** - In the Renaissance architecture and sculpture unit, students explore various forms of sculpture, multi-disciplinary artists, and the influence of historical styles on depictions of the human form, from idealized to realistic.
- **Victorian art and architecture** - In the Victorian art and architecture unit, students study the Houses of Parliament, Victorian architectural styles, and Pre-Raphaelite artists, while practicing detailed watercolour painting and tracking their artistic development over time.

History

- **Woman's Suffrage** - pupils will learn about the Women's Suffrage movement in the UK, exploring the peaceful tactics of suffragists, the militant actions of suffragettes like Emmeline Pankhurst, and the eventual success in securing voting rights through the Representation of the People Acts of 1918 and 1928.
- **The Rise of Hitler** - pupils will explore the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party in 1930s Germany, examining how economic hardship and political instability fuelled extremist ideologies, leading to World War II through events like the Enabling Act, the Treaty of Versailles, and the invasion of Poland

PE

Our PE topics this term:

- Basketball
- Football
- Netball
- Gymnastics

Music

This listening unit features "Shadows" by Lindsey Stirling, an American violinist known for blending country, electric dance music and rock, with guided listening questions and video examples. It also highlights Tokio Myers, a classical pianist who gained fame on Britain's Got Talent for his genre-fusing music. The unit concludes with a creative response to music through the theme of shadows.