

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1

Class information

- Our PE day is **Thursday**. Please ensure children are dressed in the school PE kit with appropriate footwear.
- Homework, including spellings, will be handed out on **Fridays**. It will be due in the following Friday.
- Homework will *usually* consist of three tasks: Maths, Reading and Grammar.
- Pupils are expected to read a **minimum** of 3 times a week. Ideally with an adult.

Our Year 6 Residential takes place 10th - 12th of February 2025, in Condoover Hall.

English

For the next few weeks will be analysing and writing newspaper articles. These will be linked to our History topic of WW1 and 2.

We will be focussing on the following punctuation/ grammatical structures:

- Semi colons
- Colons
- Subjunctive Form
- Embedded clauses

Our current class book is: The Lost Magician by Piers Torday.

Maths

This half term in maths we will be covering: ratio, algebra, and fractions, decimals and percentages.

We will particularly focus on word and reasoning problems to expose children to different types of questions and build their confidence with these.

Year 6 have made incredible progress with their arithmetic in the autumn term, which we will continue to work on.

Curriculum

History: This half term we will look at The Industrial Revolution. Pupils will learn that industrialisation describes moving from a society based on hand manufacturing and human or animal power, to a society based on machinery. As well as that, industrialisation was characterised by the use of steam powered engines, the spread of factories and machines, mass produced goods and mechanised transport.

Geography: In Geography we will be looking at Leicestershire Trade. This unit of work builds on the Year 5 unit People and Population. Pupils learn to identify places in the county and learn the importance of imports and exports to the local economy. They learn that more housing is needed as a result of population growth and that means that natural resources need to be quarried. Pupils compare trade in Leicester and Leicestershire with that of places in other countries around the world.

Science: In Science children will learn about evolution and inheritance. They will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. They will explore the meaning of natural variation and Darwin's Theory of Evolution.

RE

In RE we will be looking at Hinduism and answering the question: Why do Hindus want to be good?

PSHE

Our current PSHE topic is Valuing Difference. We will look at respecting others, prejudice and challenging stereotypes.

Ways to enrich and support at home

Create a homework/revision space: Choose a quiet and comfortable space for reading and homework to help your child remain focussed and feel motivated.

Read together: Reading books, stories, articles or even recipes together helps to improve vocabulary and comprehension.

Set routines: Consistent routines allow children to feel safe, build good habits, and flourish. Establish a daily routine that includes time for learning, play, and rest.

Praise their effort: Focus on celebrating effort, perseverance, and problem-solving, which boosts confidence and resilience.

Limit screen time and enable parental controls on devices: Set clear boundaries for screen time to build healthy habits. Regularly monitor what your child is accessing online.



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and wings to fly