



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2023

Year 6



Mathematics

The focus this term is developing confidence with place value knowledge as well as the ability to calculate using formal written methods for all four operations. Consolidation of fractions is also essential - times tables knowledge will be key!

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to Autumn Term in Year 6! This is an important time for your child as they begin their last year at Primary School. We are looking forward to seeing them rise to the challenge of being the responsible and hardworking Year 6's we know they will be! Here is a flavour of what we will be learning this term.
Miss Clarke and Miss Sparkes

Help from Home

Please remind your child to read regularly, at home, recording this in their reading records. Spelling & Timestable Rockstar practise would also be beneficial on a weekly basis.

English

As part of their topic, children will be reading a variety of texts, for example, 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier, 'Mohinder's War' by Bali Rai and more. Children's reading will link directly with their writing. Similarly, children will use knowledge gained in Science and History lessons to further fuel their ideas. For instance, writing an explanation text on how light travels.

Science

The focus this term is on physics. Children will first explore light: how it travels, the workings of the human eye, investigating how refraction changes the direction of light and more. Children will then take a closer look at electricity, learning how to building circuits.

Topic

Our topic this term is '**Britain at War**'. We will explore key questions, such as: 'How serious was the risk of invasion by Nazi Germany?' and 'Why did Britain win the Battle of Britain?' In Computing, children will build on their knowledge of online safety and learn more about binary and coding.

Key Dates

- 20.09.23 - 22.09.23** - Bawdsey Manor Residential Trip
- 11.10.23/12.10.23** - Parent Consultation Evenings
- 24.11.23** - Duxford Trip (more details to follow)
- 12.12.23** - Year 6 Christmas Market 9.30 - 11.00am

Useful Information

- PE takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both classes. Please ensure your child comes to school on these days in their PE kit, that long hair is tied up, and any jewellery is removed. These sessions may be outside so children should wear jogging bottoms and a hoodie during the Autumn Term.
- Homework is set every Friday and due in the following Wednesday.
- Spelling tests take place on Monday mornings.