

YEAR 6 AUTUMN OVERVIEW

Welcome to Year 6!

We're excited to be working with you and your child during this important final year of primary school. It's a time for celebrating how far they've come, preparing for the transition to secondary school, and making lasting memories. Year 6 is full of opportunities—for growth, leadership, and achievement. From SATs preparation to special events and responsibilities, your child will be challenged, supported, and encouraged every step of the way. We value your support and look forward to working in partnership with you to make this a successful and memorable year. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or concerns.

HOMework

Homework plays a key role in helping your child consolidate their learning and build independence in preparation for secondary school. We ask that you encourage your child to complete their tasks on time, provide a quiet space when possible, and support them where needed.

If your child is ever unsure or struggling, please let us know before the day the homework is due. We're here to help and want homework to be a positive, manageable experience for everyone. Please see your child's Contact Book for our homework timetable.

SETTLING IN WEEK

As part of Settling in Week, we'll be exploring the themes of growth, change and self-belief through the thought-provoking book *The Journey: Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* by James Norbury.

This imaginative story encourages children to be resilient, kind and hopeful. It teaches them that life's challenges help us grow, good friends support us along the way and every day gives us the chance to begin a new chapter in our story. Throughout the week, Year 6 will be taking part in discussions and creative activities that promote self-awareness, empathy, and emotional wellbeing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th September - Thorndon Country Park Trip

28th September - Individual photos

22nd October at 4:30pm - PTA Disco

26th - 30th October - Half Term

5th November at 2:40pm - 6P Class Assembly

12th November at 2:40pm - 6F Class Assembly

6th November - Museum of Power Trip

19th November - Film Night

23rd November - Report Cards sent home

23rd - 24th November at 3:15pm - Parent Book Looks

25th - 26th November - Parent Consultations

27th November - Decoration Day

1st - 2nd December - PTA Christmas Elf Stalls

2nd December - Christmas Dinners

11th December - PTA Christmas Fair

18th December - Santa dress-up day

OUR TOPICS



HISTORY - Victorian Life



SCIENCE - Living Things and Their Habitats: Classification and Light

ENGLISH

Writing: We explore a period in history through the classic text 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. To deepen our understanding of the characters and plot, we step into their shoes through role play and drama, progressing to write setting descriptions, newspaper reports and diary entries in character.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: Building on our learning in Year 5, we develop our understanding of the Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar, including work classes, the use of adverbs and modal verbs to indicate degrees of possibility, recognise and use expanded noun phrases, and more.



MATHS

Maths teaching provides a clear, structured approach that builds fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving skills step by step. This term we will be focusing on:

- Place Value
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division
- Fractions
- Converting units

Each lesson starts with a recap of previous learning. We also continue our times table and arithmetic learning and practise.



SPELLINGS

Each week, children will be given a set of spellings to learn at home, with a focus on patterns, rules and tricky words.

We encourage regular practice at home to help build accuracy and confidence. Children will be tested on their weekly spellings every Thursday.

Additionally, we continue to focus on accurate spelling and application of words in the Year 3-6 statutory spelling lists. Children will be able to practise these and their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed.



COMPUTING

Whilst developing our understanding of how to deal with online bullying, we will be learning how to use a spreadsheet to plan an event and use more complex variables in coding.



D & T

Bridge Builders

Beginning by researching different types of bridges, we then progress to plan, design and make our scaled structures.



MUSIC

With a focus on the song 'You've Got a Friend' by Carole King, we will listen and appraise a variety of songs by this composer, then learn to sing, play instrumental parts, improvise and compose.



GUIDED READING

We're pleased to let you know that this term we'll be continuing with Guided Reading sessions each week.

Children will work in small groups, focusing on a shared text. These sessions allow us to explore reading in more depth through targeted questioning, helping to develop comprehension skills such as inference, prediction, vocabulary and summarising.



SCIENCE

Classification

Inspired by the work of Carl Linnaeus, we learn how animals and plants can be classified using a classification key, investigate living organisms and classify microorganisms.



Light

Through theoretical and practical investigation, we discover the role light plays in: how we see objects and colour; reflection; and refraction.



P.E

Swimming: In the pool, we will be continuing to master the three main strokes; developing our technique and stamina.

Indoor P.E: Indoors, we will be focusing on our approach to well-being and mindfulness to help us to feel calmer, happier and more confident.

Outdoor P.E: Outdoors, we will be developing our passing and footwork skills in football and netball; applying these skills to matches.

