

Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Spring 1 - 2023

Our theme for Spring One is:

Voyagers

We will be concentrating on:

- Exciting voyages from across history including: Magellan, Columbus and Cortes.
- The differences between the United Kingdom and other countries of the World.
- How to read and use maps and compasses.

Our theme will last for:

6 weeks and 3 days.

French:

- Naming and identifying activities that I like to do.
- Describing the kind of exercise I do.
- Talking about what I did at the weekend.
- Asking other people questions about their hobbies.

Our discussions and questions for this half-term:

We will be discussing:

- Volunteering and its importance in the community.
- What can we do to help my own and other's well-being?
- Sharing acts of kindness.

Behaviour and Safety:

Year Six have a fantastic opportunity to learn about e-safety, how to stay safe on social media platforms and how our actions online can affect people in the real-world.

Computing and Online Safety:

Over this half-term, in Year Six, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of Scratch and using this to make some revision guides and games. We will then be using these to help each other revise and practise for S.A.T.s. For Online Safety, we will be looking at what our "digital footprint" is and how this can impact our futures.

P.E.

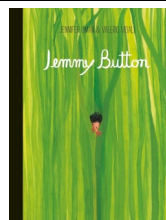
Year Six will be practising and refining our skills with the Frisbee and using these skills to play a wonderful new game: disc golf! In this game, we will be working on our Frisbee skills, as well as our etiquette and sportsmanship.



P.E. lessons take place on a Friday, however if your child could have their P.E. kit in school at all times, this would be useful.

English:

In English, we will be exploring the beautiful picture book, 'Jemmy Button.' It is inspired by the real life story of a native of Tierra del Fuego, who was brought to England in the mid-1800s to be 'educated' and 'civilised' by Captain Robert FitzRoy.



Over the course of the half term, we will be using the story to inspire our writing. To help our writing progress, we will be looking at how to incorporate the specific grammar features that we have learnt, in preparation for our S.A.T.s GPS paper.

We will be writing:

- a balanced argument,
- letters from Jemmy to his family,
- a scientific report on the success of the integration of Jemmy Button into British society,
- a description of Jemmy's voyage across the ocean to London.

We are looking forward to exploring how a picture can truly say a thousand words!

R.E.

We will be looking at Christianity and the key aspects of the religion, including pilgrimage, the Ten Commandments and Roman Catholicism.

Art:

During our Art lessons, we will be discovering the works of famous Swiss artist Paul Klee. During the half-term, we will be familiarising ourselves with his unique and individual style, noticing the subtleties of his work and investigating how he was influenced by both poetry and music. After using his artwork to influence and create our own, we will then critique the work of others in the class and use this constructive criticism to develop our work further.



Music:

Pupils will continue to learn the steel pans, with a focus on playing both solo pieces and playing together in a harmony. We have really enjoyed playing the steel pans and we are making great progress, so we are very excited to see what we will be learning next.

No Outsiders in Our School:

During our No Outsiders in our School lessons, we will be looking at the story Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann and discussing how we can overcome fears about difference.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes, as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings, that we will be practising and looking at over the half-term, will be shared via Seesaw over the coming weeks and these can be discussed, practised and looked at whilst at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the words and see if they can put them into a sentence! Maths. and English homework will be set on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. A topic project will be set in the coming weeks on Seesaw - for this one you can let your creativity take hold! If your child is having any issues accessing Seesaw, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. **Spellings will be assessed in class throughout the week, based on the words that come up in English and Topic lessons. There will no longer be a weekly spelling list sent home for the children to learn.**

Important Dates:

4th and 5th January - Crystal Maze Maths. Days
6th January - Wonder Day
13th January - World Religion Day
25th January - History Day

W.B 30th January - National Storytelling Week
W.B 6th February - Children's Mental Health Week
10th February - LGBT History Day
W.B 13th February - Safer Internet Week

Mathematics:

This half term, we will continue to improve the mathematical skills we developed during the Autumn term. This will be done through several units. Our next units will be:



- Investigating statistics - over the course of this unit, we will be interpreting and creating pie-charts and line-graphs, and using these to solve problems. We will also be exploring and calculating mean as an average.
- Solving number problems - we will be using our place value knowledge to multiply and divide by powers of 10. This unit will also build on our number skills by applying them to S.A.T.s style reasoning problems.
- Reasoning with fractions - during this unit, we will be consolidating our fraction calculation skills by applying them to a range of problems.
- Visualising shape - throughout this unit, we will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on the relationship between them.

To help your child at home, you could spend time practising times tables and develop their mental calculation skills when doing things such as shopping. As well as encouraging your child to complete the weekly Maths. homework.

If you're child requires homework support, there is a homework club each Wednesday lunchtime in 6SG.

Geography:

During Geography lessons, we will be learning how to read and create maps by using keys and scale drawing. We will look at how to use a compass and why these are so important, even today when we have GPS and satellite navigation. Furthermore, we will be investigating the key geographical features of North and South America, as well as comparing these places with the United Kingdom.

As well as this, in Geography, we will be investigating how human and physical geography are linked and looking at some key geographical features, both around the world and in the United Kingdom.

Finally, we will be identifying key towns, cities, rivers and mountain ranges and comparing how these places can be incredibly different from one another.



P.S.H.E.

We will be discussing how children can get help to manage their own emotional wellbeing.

