

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter



Maths

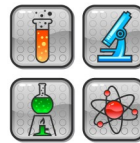
As mathematicians this term we will be looking at **place value** over a few weeks, focusing our skills of reasoning and problem solving. We will then look at the **four operations** before moving on to **fractions** and then **geometry: position and direction**.

English

Our core text this term is **The Arrival by Shaun Tan** - a wordless novel that tackles a migrant story. Children are able to create their own words and stories to accompany this beautiful book. Also we will be working with author **Pie Corbett** over virtual sessions to produce some high level writing pieces. A wide range of genres will be covered during this time. We aim to build a solid portfolio of writing which will support the children and demonstrates the level at which they can write independently.



Science



Animals, including humans They will be about the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart.

Also we will look at **Electricity** focusing on building circuits using circuit diagrams.

Humanities

As historians, we are studying the **Industrial Revolution**—the people, the laws and inventions of that period.

In geography, we will be covering **Local fieldwork**—looking at the why, how and design of how geographers conduct it.

Religious Education

Our topics in RE are: **Loving**. We will be thinking about how God's love is unconditional. Also we will be looking at the **Vocation and commitment** of members of the church. We will be thinking about what it means to have a vocation and what is required to have commitment. Also our **Awe and Wonder** week this term will provide us with the opportunity to look at the world we live in and think how to better take care of it for our futures.

Physical Education

PE lessons will take place **every Wednesday**. Our focus for the term is ball games: Basketball and Volleyball. Some PE lessons will take place outside to take advantage of a larger space, so please make sure you have the appropriate kit!



French

As foreign language speakers this term year 6 will be working on our **speaking skills** being able to exchange short phrases and even some sentences in French conversation.

Computing

We will be looking at **communication** this term before moving onto a unit in **web page design**. Alongside both of these units we will be practising ongoing **e-safety skills**.

Art / Design and Technology

As artists we will be exploring **Drawing and Painting**. We will build on our drawing skills, refining sketches to make them more detailed. Then we will also be sketching some of the scenes from our Literacy, focusing on light and shadow, practising some techniques to add depth and dimension to simple sketches. We will use tools such as charcoal and oil pastels.

Homework

Every week homework will be given on a **Friday** and will be due in on the **Wednesday**. Tasks will be short and recap what has been taught in the week. This will be set on **CENTURY**. Spellings will be given on a **Monday** and will be tested on a **Friday**. Children are encouraged to read as often as possible at home and they should bring their reading record regularly. It is **so important** that children persevere and are exposed to **all** genres and text types. So please encourage children to stick with a book and see it through to the end.

