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Year 6

Autumn 2 2026/27

Welcome back to our 7-week Autumn 2 half term, what a busy one it will be! Carols, Christmas and possibly some chaos upon us. Your child's final Christmas in primary school, let's make it the best one yet!

PE days remain as Monday and Friday in Year 6.

Supply cover will be covering my PPA (Tuesday afternoon) and Mr Goldie will be covering my day off (Thursday) alongside Mrs Parkinson.

Spelling tests and new spellings will be completed / given out on a Thursday by Mr Goldie.

Quick reminder, there is an open-door policy, please use this as your opportunity to speak to either one of us, or pop a message in your child's reading record if you prefer.

Miss Crayston and Mrs Parkinson

Our topic this half term: Christmas, Carols and hopefully no Chaos!

Our books this half term: English: A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens, Easy Classics adapted for young readers, A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens, retold by Tony Mitton, How Winston Delivered Christmas – Alex Smith, The boy who slept through Christmas – Matt Lucas Geography Hello Ocean – James Carter, Earth's Incredible Places - The Great Barrier Reef – Helen Scales, Let's save The Great Barrier Reef – Catherine Barr, The Rhythm of the Rain – Grahame Baker-Smith

English	In English this half term, our class English text is going to be 'A Christmas Carol'. We are going to be transported back to the Victorian era (recap from Year 3) to complete setting descriptions, write a formal letter, describe a scene, write a monologue and a diary entry. We will be recapping SPaG points taught previously as well as new ones from the Year 6 curriculum. Year 5 and 6 statutory spelling words are still key, any practise anywhere counts, thank you.	
Maths	We have a new FCAT Maths curriculum this year which is to build on previous learning, address misconceptions, consolidate knowledge and embed new skills which will support Year 6 throughout the year. We will be applying skills learnt to real life situations and using practical, pictorial and mental strategies along the way with our mastering maths curriculum. We will be completing our addition and subtraction unit, moving onto multiplication and division as well as position and direction. We will have a weekly reasoning lesson with Mr Goldie too.	
Science	As scientists we will be exploring the unit of Energy: Light and reflection. We will look at light travelling in straight lines, objects reflecting light, light sources and shadows. We will be building on Year 3 and 4 knowledge and skills to become experts on light.	
PSHE/RSE	In our PSHE this half term we will be focusing on the topic 'Celebrating Differences'. We will answer the key question of 'Why do we like to belong?' Here we will look at: what 'normal' means, understand how being different could affect someone's life, explain ways in which one person can have power over another, look at why some people use bullying behaviours, give examples of people with disabilities who live an amazing life as well as being able to explain ways in which difference can be a source of conflict and cause for celebration.	

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RE	In RE this half term, we will be answering the big question: 'Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?' We will: understand that people celebrate different things in different ways, know how Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born, understand incarnation and know why Christians, believe Jesus was born and sent to Earth. Excitingly, we will also take part and lead the KS2 Christmas service in Church on Wednesday 9th December.	
PE	We will become gymnasts in our PE unit this half term. As gymnasts, we will: perform balances with a partner, in a group, with and without apparatus, choreograph a sequence and perform in front of others.	
Geography	As Geographers we are going to answer the enquiry Question, 'Why do oceans matter?' We are going to: explain the importance of our oceans, locate and describe the significance of The Great Barrier Reef, explain the impact humans have on coral reefs and oceans, understand ways to keep our ocean healthy and to begin planning a fieldwork enquiry, collect data on the types of litter polluting marine environments in Fylde and analyse data in a pie chart. To plot data on a digital map using digi-maps. To suggest how to improve the marine environment in Blackpool.	
Music	This half term we are very lucky to be continuing to welcoming Francis back to our class, and he will be taking our music lessons every Thursday afternoon in Year 6. We are looking forward to the knowledge and skills he will teach us, focusing on how to play a chordal accompaniment to a piece.	
Art	In Art this half term, we will be exploring the unit of Drawing and Sketching, focusing on 2D Making to 3D Drawing. Our artists will be Claire Harrup and Lubaina Himid, whom we will explore and take inspiration from for our own final piece.	
French	We are incredibly lucky to have Mrs Parkinson back teaching us French. We have already kickstarted our pen pals back up to give us a real purpose to our lessons, all in preparation for our French trip in February 2027! We will continue learning about the subjects we study in school, with the correct definite article/determiner, our visual timetable is already dual coded to help us in the classroom and then move on to regular verbs including pronouns, stems and endings and how to conjugate easily with clear understanding of regular and irregular verbs.	

Our enrichment this half term: We will be continuing our Buddy work with Reception class, we are completing a Geography field work trip in our local area, we will be going to Blackpool for our whole school Panto of Beauty and The Beast as well as leading the KS2 carol service.