



Year 6 Curriculum Letter Autumn term 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

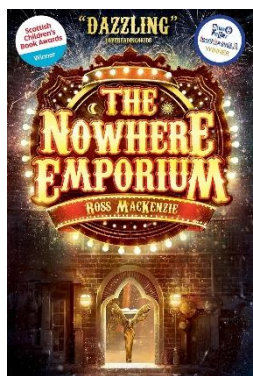
Hello all and welcome to the first term of a new school year and welcome to Year 6. I'm very excited about all that lies ahead and I'm sure it is going to be a very enjoyable year where lots of lasting memories are made. There is also a lot of work to be done and below you will find an outline of what is to be covered this half term.

Religious Education

Branch One: Creation and covenant

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing – How can we keep healthy as we grow? The main focuses for this half term will be staying safe around water and the effects of alcohol.



English

Narrative: Novel as a Theme – This term we will be reading the book 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie and using this plot to inspire us to write our own magical story. Whilst reading the children will recognise themes, make predictions and reflect and respond in different ways to the novel. They will infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, justifying inferences with evidence. Through the writing stage they will manipulate sentences for effect through using '-ing' opening clauses and simile openers and blend action, dialogue and description within sentences and paragraphs. Drawing on similar writing models the children will introduce and develop characters through blending action, dialogue and description.

Non-Fiction: Recounts – Biography – In this unit of work the children will carry out research and write and present a biography about Rosa Parks. During the reading phase they will use a combination of skimming, scanning and close reading across a text to locate specific details. During the writing phase they will manipulate sentences to create particular effects and use devices to build cohesion between paragraphs in their recount.



Mathematics

In mathematics this half term we will be covering the following topics:

- Place Value including decimals
- Mental and written addition and subtraction
- Mental and written multiplication and division

Ongoing revision of times tables will continue across the term.

Science

Evolution and Inheritance – In this unit the children will learn that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the earth millions of years ago. We will also look at how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environments in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

Computing

This term we will look at computer systems and networks. We will be exploring code-breaking at Bletchley Park, historical figures in computing and the evolution of the computers.

Music

We will be exploring the key features of pop music, including harmony, rhythm and ensemble performance, and how music can express shared feelings and experiences. Pupils develop vocal and instrumental skills before combining bass lines, chords, rhythms and harmonies to perform confidently as a pop band.

Geography

This unit focuses on world geography revising the continents and oceans as well as becoming more confident in identifying countries of the world. We will look at different regions of the world and the differences in their environments. We will then focus on the continent of North America.

Art and Design

During this unit the children will explore creative photographic techniques, creating new images through photomontage.

PE

Invasion Games – PE will be taught on a Tuesday afternoon by a member of the Chorley Sports Partnership team. Please make sure your child wears their PE kit to school on this day.

French

French will be taught on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will continue developing their vocabulary and confidence in speaking French through songs, games and varied speaking activities.

Homework

In Year 6 homework will consist of:

- ❖ Maths – an activity set from the Maths KS2 CGP workbook each Friday linked to what we have been covering in class. This will be accompanied by a revision guide. To be returned the following Wednesday or sooner.
- ❖ English – a grammar, punctuation and/or spelling activity will be set each Friday from the English KS2 CGP workbook. This will be accompanied by a revision guide. To be returned the following Wednesday or sooner.
- ❖ Spellings – between ten and twelve spellings to learn each week. These will be sent home each Friday ready for a test the following Friday and will be linked to work covered during the week.
- ❖ Reading – children to read for 15 minutes each day. We will use the yellow reading records for children to report when they have finished a book. We will monitor all of their reading throughout the year.
- ❖ Learning by Questions – this is a learning tool we use in class but the children can also complete their 'Independent Tasks' at home. These are set based on assessment so will be individual for each child.

Please note that the CGP Maths and Grammar Revision Guides will be collected in at the end of May so please encourage the children to look after them.

Best Wishes, Mrs Banwell