

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Autumn Term 2025

We are Year 6: 6F, 6H, 6K



Welcome to Year 6

Welcome to Year 6! We would like to welcome all the new children and their families and we look forward to working with all of you. This is an important year for the children as we prepare their transition to secondary school and many life changes. Children will continue to develop their reading with daily reading lessons, explore short stories and historical tales in English. They will also continue to master times tables, and develop their reasoning skills using new methods in maths lessons.

P.E.

All children in Year 6 will have a PE lesson on a **Tuesday** with our specialist sports coach, playing Hockey and Handball. During the Autumn Term, all Year 6 pupils will participate in swimming lessons every Wednesday afternoon. These sessions will take the place of their second PE lesson of the week.

Home reading

Please do continue to read **daily** with your children and remind your child to bring in their home/school book so we can see all of their hard work. We will be changing books every week, however they are welcome to bring their own book from home too.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Parliament

Geography - Rivers

Science - Electricity and Living Things and Their Habitats

Religion and World Views - Islam

Computing - Computing Systems & Networks

Useful websites to help with homework

- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated!

Miss Kipps, Mrs Khodabux and
Mrs Harland

Maths

In maths we will study numbers and the number system up to ten million, including fractions and decimals. We will also be looking at measurement; how to convert units and read scales, with an emphasis on using and applying the skills learnt in lessons in many different contexts. Pupils will also complete a fortnightly mental maths test in class and daily calculations to support their fluency in the four methods of calculation.

History

Our history topic this term focuses on Parliament and how it has developed over time. We will be putting our learning into context by visiting the Houses of Parliament.

Geography

In geography, children will be studying how a river is formed and its cycle. They will research and explore their local rivers and the impact they have on their community and landscape. They will link this to other important rivers around the world and their impact on humans and landscape.

English

We will start the Autumn Term by reading 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman. Children will be developing their ability to describe settings and to change the ending of a story. We will then be reading 'Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties' by Humza Arshad and Henry White. Pupils will delve into the characters of the book, before writing a scene with dialogue.

Science

In science, we will be becoming taxonomists, studying and investigating living things by sorting and classifying. We will also complete investigations through testing of different components needed to improve electrical circuits.

Art/DT

In art, we will be learning how to express ourselves using tools to create marks, studying 'Chiaroscuro' and conveying messages through street art.

For DT, pupils will create a game using electrical components learnt in science.

Also...

In Year 6, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books.

Mathletics - 2x tasks weekly

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week

Spelling Shed - weekly

Logins will be given out by the class teacher.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a Friday.

