

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Waltham Holy Cross – Spring Term 2026

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



#### Welcome Back

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a relaxing time with family and friends over the holiday period. This term the children will continue to develop their reading with daily reading lessons, exploring a range of genres including poetry. They will also continue to master times tables and develop their reasoning skills using new and revised methods in their maths lessons.

#### P.E.

All children in Year 6 will have a PE lesson on a Tuesday with our specialist sports coach. They will also have one other PE during the week with their class teacher. 6K and 6H (Wednesday) and 6F (Thursday).

The sports they will cover this term are: Dodgeball, Gymnastics, Fitness and Tennis.

#### Home reading

Please continue to read on a **daily** basis with your child and remind them to bring in their reading records every day. Children will continue to visit the library each week so that they can change their banded books and also choose a reading for pleasure book.

#### Useful websites to help with homework

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zjnyscw>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3nnbgq>

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

**Mrs Khodabux, Mrs Harland and Miss Kipps**

#### Maths

In maths, we are continuing to study fractions, including percentages and decimals. We will also be looking at converting measurements, area and perimeter, ratio, and algebra. Pupils will also complete a fortnightly mental maths test in class and daily calculations to support their fluency in the four methods of calculation.

#### English

We will start the Spring term by reading War Horse by Michael Morpurgo. Children will link the historical context with their learning on World War II in history, helping them to write both a newspaper article and a short story. We will also be reading 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow. Children will have the opportunity to explore recounts in the form of diary entry writing.



## Computing – Web Page Creation

Using computing literacy skills, pupils will create a web page with a few browser tabs based on something of their interest.

## History – World War II

Our history topic this term focuses on World War II. The children will create a timeline of the key events during World War II, before learning about the Battle of Britain, the Blitz and evacuation. They will explore primary and secondary sources to help contextualise their learning.

## Science - Light

As scientists, we will be studying light, beginning by investigating the eye and the angles we see things. We will complete investigations through testing of materials best used to form shadows and changing the size of shadows. We also look forward to Science Week during Spring 2.

## Geography – Natural Resources

In geography, children will be studying natural resources. They will look at where our power comes from; the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy; where our food comes from; and the impact we are having on our environment.

## Art – Artist Study

In art, we will be exploring different artists including David Hockney, Paula Rego, Frank Bowling and Lubaina Himid, building towards creating a final piece inspired by their work.

## Religion and World Views

Children will philosophically explore and discuss various sufferings in the world and how Buddhists copes with it in their daily lives.

## Also...

Homework will be set online, using the Mathletics platform.

**Mathletics** – 2x tasks weekly

**TTRS** – please aim for 3x per week

**Reading** - daily

**Spelling Shed** – weekly

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