

Year 6 Autumn curriculum newsletter 2021



Reading	We will focus on comprehension skills in the autumn term with a particular push on inference and deduction skills in addition to using evidence from the text to support our explanations. All children will benefit from weekly 'Guided Comprehension' sessions alongside whole class lessons.
Writing	Our first unit will focus on entertaining the reader by producing exciting fiction based writing with an emphasis on building strong, precise and detailed imagery. Following this we will move to writing journalistic texts as part of our focus on non fiction writing. Within this second unit we will look at developing appropriate tone, sequencing and the use of dialogue to help inform the reader.
Spelling and handwriting	There will be a different spelling pattern to learn each week in addition to our statutory Y5/6 vocabulary. There will be a focus on handwriting within English sessions and we will be looking to refine our joined style, ensuring our diagonal joins are correct and letters are well formed with a consistent size.
Grammar and Punctuation	We will be looking at developing our ability to recognise and use: relative clauses/pronouns, modal verbs, synonyms and antonyms, expanded noun phrases, commas and parentheses.
Maths	Place value, rounding, negative numbers and the manipulation of the four operations will be the driving force for our maths this term. Following this we will work on: the order of operations; square, prime and triangular numbers; and then move to work on fractions .
Science	Initially we will be working to develop our understanding of electricity and how to draw, create and test circuits. We will then move on to exploring how the human eye works in a unit about light.
PSHE	Friendships and relationships will be at the forefront in the autumn term with lots of time to discuss and ask questions relating to emotions and managing feelings.
History/ Geography	We will be working towards answering our enquiry question: 'British Conflict: How were the people of Manchester affected?' in History this term. We will be exploring the themes of conflict, suffrage and democracy as well as looking at the events such as the English civil War, The Peterloo Massacre, The First and Second World Wars and 'The Troubles'.
Art	This term's art focus will be on drawing in perspective as we recreate 'City Scapes'
PE	This term we are very lucky to be joined by Mr Peacock, who will be helping us develop our lacrosse skills.

Important information and notices



Dear Parents and carers,

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to work in Year six again this year and I have very much enjoyed working with the children at the start of this term – they have been Magnificent!

In strange times, we have a very exciting, enjoyable and challenging journey ahead of us this year, which will call upon the children to be determined, resilient, focussed and positive as they move towards the SATs. The TAs, staff and I are fully committed to supporting the children in the pursuit of their goals and we are excited about working alongside you and your children as we take this journey together.

In Year 6, we will be using homework (on Google Classroom in most cases) to consolidate and extend learning, as well as helping revise knowledge and skills from the period of time we missed in school. With this in mind, we will be setting spellings, English and Maths homework weekly on a Friday (we may also substitute in science or history/geography) and will be asking for it to be completed by Wednesday the following week.

Please let me know if you are unable to access an online environment at home and we will provide the children with the opportunity to complete the work at school.

Later in the term, we will be looking to give the children the ability to express themselves outside the classroom as soon as the guidelines suggest it is appropriate and details of creative and sporting extra-curricular events will follow soon.

We will be doing outdoor PE sessions once a week (Friday this term) and will always endeavour to participate in outdoor PE unless the weather conditions are very severe. Can the children come to school in PE kits on Fridays and have a plain tracksuit top or lightweight weather proof jacket and single coloured dark tracksuit bottoms or leggings available to allow us to be prepared for cold or slightly wet weather.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at class6@thorngrove.stockport.sch.uk and I will respond as soon as I possibly can.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Wilson