

Come and See

Our new topics for this term are: Sources, Unity & Death and New Life. **Sources:** The children will understand that the experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. We will be asking the children to think about which celebrations of community life they enjoyed and which are they looking forward to.

Unity: The children will explore being thoughtful for life, for people and gifts. They will gain an understanding that this is a vital part of our relationships with one another.

Death and New Life: The children will understand that life is full of opportunities for self-giving.

English

The children will study Roberto Innocenti's book, 'Rose Blanche' which will teach them that war harms innocent people and that empathy and kindness matter, even when the world around you is unfair or frightening. Following this the children will explore 'The Way's of the Wolf' by Smriti Prasadam-Halls. Through this text our pupils will learn that wolves are intelligent social animals who rely on cooperation and strong family bonds to survive. The book also teaches the importance of respecting wildlife and questioning myths or stereotypes about animals and nature. Spellings will continue to be set on EdShed and spelling test will be on Wednesdays. Spellings equate to a high percentage of marks on SATs tests so it is really important that the children become confident spellers and use their spelling strategies effectively.

Mathematics

The children will be continuing to develop their mathematical understanding using White Rose Maths: number (including fractions, percentages, decimals, ratio and proportion), algebra, geometry, measurement, area, perimeter, volume and they will explore statistics. The children will also be developing their problem solving and reasoning skills. Children should continue to consolidate their table knowledge

Science

Our topic this term is 'Light'. The children will recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will notice that light is reflected from surfaces. The children will recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes.

The children will recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object. They will find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Computing

Year 6 will be studying data and information - an introduction to spreadsheets. Children will also receive a computing specialist session led by Jo Hodge where they will look at ways technology can be applied creatively in real-life contexts.

PE

PE will be on Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor) this term. The children will improve hand eye coordination and develop new skills and tactics in tennis.. The children will develop their gymnastics skills by linking skills with fluidity to perform and routine and explore counter balances.

Geography

Where does our energy come from?

The children will learn about different types of energy including renewable and non-renewable sources. They will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of different energy sources and the impact choices can have on our planet. The children will continue to develop their geographical skills by locating places connected with this topic on maps and globes.

Music

The children will be learning songs to sing at the Philharmonic with the theme of 'Citizen's of Earth'. The children will listen to selected classical pieces which will culminate in a visit to The Philharmonic on Friday 20th March. in this concert, we'll discover music that takes on important topics - everything from conservation and the environment to the rights of children across the globe. We'll see how composers have used their works to share information, and learn all about the challenges facing the planet we call home.

Spanish

The children will extend their knowledge of Spanish vocabulary and grammar to be able to describe themselves and others through speaking and writing.

Important dates

Wednesday 14th January - Residential Trip and SATs meeting for parents and carers 6pm

Thursday 29th January - Holocaust Memorial cinema trip

Wednesday 4th February - Walk for White

Wednesday 11th February - Parents' evening 3.30 - 5.00pm

Thursday 12th February - Parents' evening 3.30 - 7.00pm

Friday 13th February - NSPCC Number Day

16th -20th February - Half term

Wednesday 25th February - Friday 27th February - PGL residential trip

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 20th March - Philharmonic Trip

Friday 27th March - Finish for Easter holiday

Year 6 Spring Curriculum Brochure

Working together to
achieve...

No one can have it
altogether but all
together, we can
have it all.

How you can help your child make progress in Year 6

Encourage your child to develop a good reading habit and read regularly. Ask 'why do you think' questions.

Check your child's homework.

Encourage your child to use educational websites:

Arithmagicians, EdShed, BBC Bitesize, Times Table Rock Stars and Nrich. You can access these pages through the links on the Our Learning > Favourite Websites page on the school website.

Personal organisation- in preparation for high school, encourage your child to bring in their homework on time and have all the equipment they need daily.

Please keep hold of the children's winter uniform as the children are required to wear it for the end of year Mass and for the Y6 photograph.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.