

Year 6

Autumn 1



Dear Families,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for the challenge of Year 6. We are very excited to welcome your children to Pullman and Horowitz classes and are very excited to start our new topic about the Ancient Maya.

Our fantastic year 6 team consists of Mrs Young and Mrs Ellis in Pullman class and Miss Canham in Horowitz class. Mrs Young will be in class Mondays to Wednesdays with Mrs Ellis taking over on Thursdays and Fridays. Joining us this year as the year 6 teaching assistant is Mrs Johnsen. Mrs Hall has taken on the role as pastoral TA within the school but will continue to work alongside us in year 6.

Drop off time:
8:40-50 at School Office
Pick up time:
3:15pm at School Office

PE

Year 6 PE day will take place on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on that day. Earrings also need to be removed.

Planners

Children should ensure that their planner and reading book is in school every day.

ClassDojo

We will continue to use Class Dojo to communicate with you and to share the children's learning. Please let us know if you still need to connect on this service and we will be able to give you a code.

Homework

Homework will be set at the beginning of every week and should be returned on the following Monday. Children should complete specified pages (noted in their planners) in their homework booklets – maths, comprehension and SPaG.

Walking Home

Please inform the school office if your child will now be walking home. We must have your permission before we can allow this.

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 3rd Sept - Friday 22nd Oct

English

We will be starting the term looking at the story Hansel and Gretel and continuing the narrative using our own imaginations and ideas. Following on from this we will look at the novel Holes where we will be looking at a variety of genres relating to this story.

We will have weekly spellings, reading comprehension and SPaG homework which will need to be completed.

Spellings will be set on Purple Mash and the comprehension and SPaG homework will be in the new homework books provided by school.

It is an expectation that all children read regularly (at least 5 times a week) and record this in their planners. This should be checked and signed by an adult at home.

Maths

To begin the term we will be focusing on number skills. We will start with place value, which will include reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers up to ten million. After that, the focus will move onto calculations. We will recap on both mental and written methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) where the children will be extending their skills to multiply and divide 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and solve multi-step problems using the most appropriate methods.

There will be additional daily arithmetic activities to build number fluency and confidence with choosing and applying methods.

MFL

In French this term, we will be looking at the environment. We will learn the vocabulary associated with the home and learning to use it within sentences.

Physical Education

Our PE slot will be on a Tuesday afternoon. The focus this term will be football where we will be honing our passing, dribbling and defensive skills.

Music

World Unite – Exploring rhythm and melody in singing, movement and dance. We will learn about beat, syncopation, pitch and harmony, and take a trip around the world to celebrate the universal language of music.

Art

Art and design skills – We will learn and develop our skills in: design, drawing, craft, painting and art appreciation; working as a group to design a hat, creating zentangle patterns and subsequent prints, painting in the style of impressionist painters and exploring the piece 'Nighthawks' by Edward Hopper

PSHE

Being Me in My World - Includes understanding our place in the class, school and global community.

Science

This term the topic will be light. We will look at how light travels and what happens when light hits a surface. We will also look at how scientists have used this to create objects (such as periscopes) and what light actually looks like.

History

We will learn who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. We will also learn about their religious beliefs and find out about some of the many gods they worshipped. We will study both the Maya number and writing systems and practise writing words in the hieroglyphic style of the ancient Maya people. We will find out about the explorers John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood and have the opportunity to analyse historical pictures of the cities they discovered.

Computing

The main focus will be coding using the Purple Mash site and building on the skills we started to develop in Year 5.