

Year 6

Spring 1 - 2024

Welcome back after the festive season! We hope you all had a superb break and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

This term is going to be very exciting with our planned trip to Hilltop as well as some other fun activities.

As previously mentioned, Mrs Lester will teach Year 6 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Strong will teach on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Iredia is also our Teaching Assistant.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and find one of us on the playground or email the school office, and we will endeavour to contact you after school.

A few reminders this half term

Homework

Every Friday, homework will be set to go home and must be completed by the following Wednesday. This homework will usually focus on either Maths or English (spellings, grammar or reading comprehension). The children will always be given a set of 10 spellings to focus on too.

It is essential that children learn their times tables fluently. Most of the maths curriculum relies on the children having a good understanding of their tables. Please encourage your child to continue to use Times Tables Rockstars to practice at home. If you have any problems, please speak to us asap.

Children are expected to read for at least four times a week at home and this must be signed off by an adult in their homework diaries. This is checked regularly and rewarded too. Keep up the fantastic reading, we are really proud of all of your incredible successes this year.

Physical Education: Games

This term, Year 6 will have PE every **Wednesday** with Miss King and another lesson each **Tuesday** with Mrs Lester. Please ensure that children come in wearing the correct uniform: a plain blue t-shirt, shorts and trainers. This uniform must not be branded. No earrings should be worn on PE days. This half term, our focus will be on gymnastics and dance.



Here is what we will be learning in all of our subjects this half term:

Maths

This half term, in Maths we will be studying - ratio, algebra and decimals, as well as completing a variety of assessments.

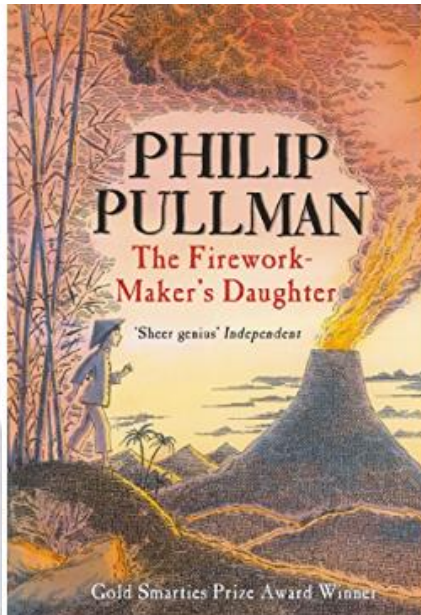
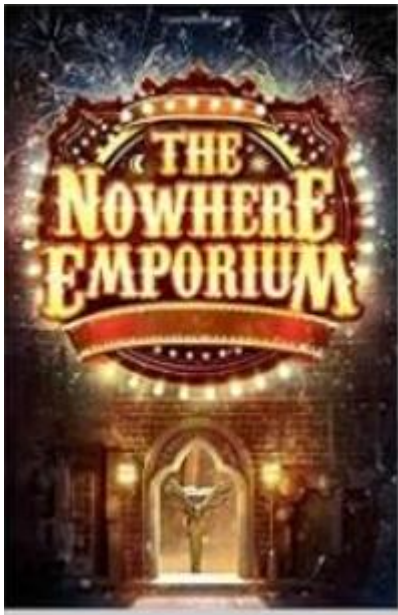
English – Writing Skills

We shall be moving onto non-chronological reports and completing our learning on The Origin of the Species by Sabina Radeva. We will then be writing another piece of narrative linked to the story, The Firework Maker's Daughter. Finally, we will look at poetry by focusing on the poem; Moth by Isabel Thomas.

English – Reading Skills

In guided reading this half term, we will be reading 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie.

We will continue to practice our skills of fluency as well as our predicting, inferring, retrieval and understanding vocabulary.



Religious Education:

In RE, we will look at the Creation story and how this links with the Scientific view of how the world began. We will outline the importance of Creation on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible. We will look at Genesis 1 and suggest what it might mean and compare ideas and ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different interpretations. We will make clear connections between Genesis 1 and the Christian belief about God as Creator. We will look at how for many Christians find science and faith can go together.

Science: Electricity

In Science, we will focus on Electricity. We will be looking at the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer and how this relates to the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. We will then compare and give reasons for the variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off positions of switches.

History: The Rise of Hitler

In History, we will begin by revisiting the Armistice and the Treaty of Versailles and the purpose of these documents. We will then look at how the Nazi party came to power and explore life in Nazi Germany. Finally, we will look at Kristallnacht and the Refugee crisis and the beginning of World War Two.

Art:

In Art, we will be focusing on Victorian Art and Architecture. We will look at the architects Pugin, Barry who designed the Houses of Parliament. We will be examining the differences and similarities between Classical v Gothic architecture. We will focus on our drawing skills –quality of line, level of detail and observing shape.

Design and Technology: Mechanisms/Automata Toys

In Design and Technology, we shall be dedicating one day to our Design and Technology skills this half term. We shall be working with wood to create an automata frame whilst exploring different components and supports for a toy. This will inform a design decision which will then be evaluated.



Geography – North America



We shall be exploring the large, diverse continent of North America. We shall be looking at: countries, biomes, rivers and water systems, urbanisation whilst comparing Anchorage to Spalding.

Computing – Data Handling



We shall be focusing on Data Handling skills this half term. We shall be looking at: bar codes, QR codes as well as looking at transmitting and transferring data.

French: Le Weekend



Our aim this half term is to explore 'Le Weekend' – we will be exploring activities and hobbies whilst learning how to say different phrases.

Personal Social Health Economic Education: Dreams and Goals



The children will be thinking about our 'Dreams and Goals' for the upcoming half term.

Music: A New Year Carol



This half term, we shall be moving onto the unit 'A New Year Carol'. By Benjamin Britten. We will then look at a variety of musical influences including gospel, banga as well as South African influences.