



Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

Welcome to Year 6!

Year 6 PE day is on a **Tuesday**.

Remember to label all personal items with your child's name. This includes all lunch containers and water bottles.



Key dates

Tuesday 17 October – Pupil Photos

Tuesday 17 October – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18 October – Pupil Photos

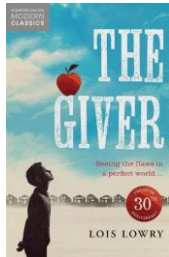
Thursday 19 October – Parents' Evening

Friday 20 October – Snufti Day

23 – 27 October – *Half term holidays*

Reading

In Year 6, children take part in daily whole class reading lessons. This term, we are sharing a book called 'The Giver' by Lois Lowry. This book sets out with the intentions of describing a 'utopia' but throughout the novel, we find that the community could be described as a 'dystopia'. Children have opportunities to listen to their teacher and peers read as well as reading independently. Throughout the lessons, we discuss key vocabulary and questions that improve their understanding of the text.



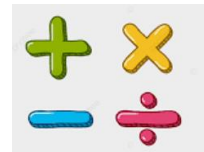
Writing

This term, we've started our writing by revisiting grammar from Year 5 and worked on honing neat cursive handwriting. As the term continues, we will be using an approach that involves oral story retelling and drama. This strategy enables the children to learn the structure of different texts. They then imitate them before crafting their own versions, whilst continually fostering their understanding of all the skills involved in writing.



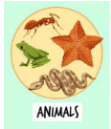
Maths

In mathematics, we have begun by recapping place value, including comparing, ordering and rounding numbers up to 10,000,000. We will continue to develop our knowledge and reasoning skills with the four operations, including learning the method of long division, as well as the order of operations (BODMAS).



Science

In science, the students will learn about the similarities and differences among plants, animals and microorganisms. They will learn about the scientific contributions to the study of living things of Carl Linnaeus, Louis Pasteur and Kizzmekia Corbett.



History

During Autumn term, the students will be learning about how Adolf Hitler rose to power. In Autumn 1, learning will focus on Hitler becoming leader of the Nazi party and dictator of Germany, the use of propaganda to spread the Nazi ideology and the ways in which Jews and non-Aryans were persecuted. Students will look at sources to support their learning such as first-hand accounts of those who lived during that time.



ART

In art, we will begin to look at tone, texture and mark-making. We will then use a range of strategies to create perspective in our own drawings. We will study Cézanne in this unit and make direct comparisons to our study of Monet and Impressionism.



PE

This term the students will be playing football. We will be learning to pass, dribble and shoot with control. These skills, along with teamwork, will be incorporated into attacking and defensive tactics.



RE

This term, the children will be exploring the religions of Judaism and Sikhism. Specifically, in Judaism, they will learn about the importance of repentance and the impact this has on the way Jewish people live their lives. In Sikhism, the children will learn what it means to Sikhs to belong to their faith and how this happens in their community through the exploration of rituals and routines.

PSHE

In PSHE, we are focusing on what it means to be healthy. This includes both physical and mental health, understanding the importance of eating a balanced diet as well as maintaining good oral hygiene.



Homework

All homework, except for reading, is set on Seesaw and should be uploaded to Seesaw.

Comprehension – set: Wed. due: Wed.

Maths – set: Friday; due: Friday

Spelling – set: Friday; test: Friday.

Reading should be done every day for at least 15 minutes. Reading records are due Thursdays.

Suggested books for reading

