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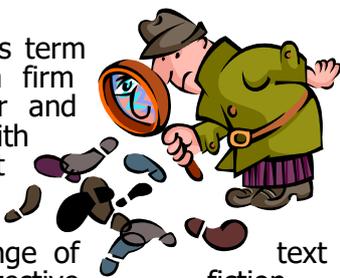
Year Six

Autumn Term

English

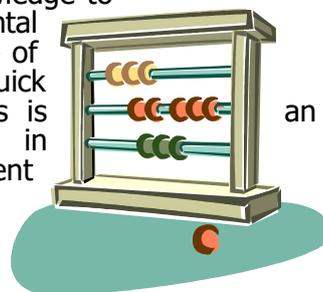
The main focus for this term will be to establish a firm grounding in grammar and punctuation, in line with the new Government expectations. We will cover these by working through a range of text types, including detective fiction, short stories, balanced arguments and biographies. They will learn to comment critically on the language, style and success of different writing styles.

Poetry will also feature this term, with the main focus on imagery and personification.



and applying this knowledge to problem solving. Mental maths is a key feature of numeracy and the quick recall of number facts is an important element in children feeling confident and achieving success.

The term will commence by gaining a deeper understanding of place value; ordering and rounding numbers; multiplying and dividing integers as well as decimals by 10, 100 and 1000; using all four operations to solve 'real life' problems; and understanding the relationship between decimals, fractions and percentages.



Science

Science lessons this year will cover a range of exciting new topics, as well as revising the children's existing knowledge.

To start off this term, we will be looking at how the bodies of animals, including humans, function. Later on, we will look at how lifestyle choices can impact our bodies.

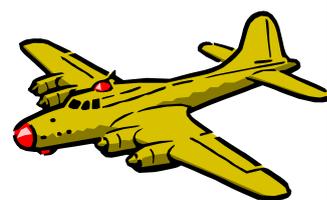
After half-term, the children will be exploring the behaviour of light and how we are able to see.



Humanities

This term, we will be studying history under the theme of "The Changing Face of Britain since 1900".

We will look at how Britain and the people who live there have changed over the last 116 years and the impact that it has on our lives today.



Maths

Our focus this term will be to consolidate strategies for mental and written calculations. We will practice instant recall of number facts

Lesson Equipment

All children should come to school with a pencil case and the necessary equipment for the day.

This should include: a blue handwriting pen (no biro), pencil, sharpener, eraser and glue stick.

We would appreciate any donations of tissues to help combat the usual winter colds!

PE Kits

P.E. kits will be needed in school every day.

Children require a pair of trainers and warmer clothing will be of benefit later in the term.

Your child may not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons without a full kit, including shoes.

Computing

In this first term, we will look at some of the systems and theory underpinning the technology around us, including how computers remember things and how the Internet works.



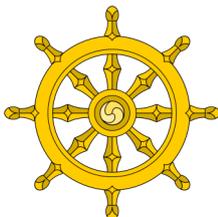
activities that help develop their life skills.

The children have the chance to take on the role of a pupil advocate; an exciting initiative to encourage Year 6 pupils to develop a sense of responsibility and be more involved in the running of the school.



Religious Education

In RE this term, lessons will focus on what it means to be a Buddhist. Children will learn about the sangha and Dharma as well as explore the eight-fold path and four noble truths.



Homework

Instead of regular Maths and English homework, we are trialling a new approach of Home Learning Tasks.

These tasks will be designed to support the children in the securing of their learning and may take a range of forms, including open-ended investigations, preparatory research work or 'test-yourself' activities. We will also be making a greater use of online resources, particularly in maths.

PE

Children will be receiving football and dance lessons this term. In addition, we will be running a series of fitness sessions.



These tasks will be given out on a Friday and (unless told otherwise) is due back by the following Tuesday.

Art & Design

The overall focus in Art will be on people in action; the children will explore how to convey movement in their work. In DT we explore how boats are constructed and how they move. The children will take part in a Year 6 Boat Challenge.



Please encourage your child to complete their Home Learning tasks and hand their work in on time. Where answers (for self-checking) have been provided, please support your children in using them appropriately.

Music/Drama

Children will develop their performance and music appreciation skills. Throughout the year there will be lots of opportunities for singing, including our Christmas production. Drama will also support our English curriculum.



French

This term the children will be learning to talk about other countries and continents.

PSHE

The main focus of our PSHE lessons this term will be 'New Beginnings'. The children will establish a class charter of their rights and responsibilities as a part of the school.

In the upcoming weeks, children will also participate in the borough's Junior Citizen scheme - a morning of



Secondary School References

Please be advised that school policy with regards to reference requests from independent secondary schools is to provide a copy of their Year 5 school report.

If the reference request expects a more bespoke response, there will be a charge of £50 per request. This is to cover the (often extensive) additional administration such requests incur.