



# TERMLY NEWSLETTER

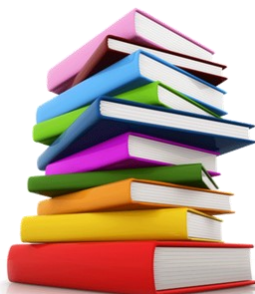
## Year Six

### Autumn Term

## English

The main focus for this term will be to establish a firm grounding in grammar and punctuation, in line with the Government expectations. We will

cover these by working through a range of different text types.



To help promote a love of reading, we will study a number of texts and also use audiobooks to help engage children with a wider range of text-types. They will learn

to comment critically on the language, style and success of different writing styles.

## 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.

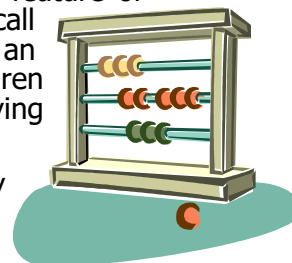
After half-term, the children will be exploring the behaviour of light and how we are able to see.



## Maths

Our focus this term will be to consolidate strategies for mental arithmetic and formal written calculations. We will practise instant recall of number facts and applying this knowledge to problem solving.

Mental arithmetic 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.

## Humanities

This term's topic is 'The Tudors in our Local Area'. This unit allows the children to develop their knowledge of the local area and gain a greater understanding of the Tudor period.



They will investigate key questions such as: "Who were the Tudors?", "What important Richmond landmarks are from the Tudor period?" and "What was Tudor life like?"

As we are unable to visit Hampton Court Palace this term, we are currently in the process of organising a Tudor workshop at school. We have also arranged for the children to explore some Tudor artefacts from our local area courtesy of Richmond Museum.

## 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 biros. Blue Friction Rub-out pens are particularly useful!), a whiteboard pen, a pencil, sharpener, eraser and glue stick.

*We would appreciate contributions of glue sticks and boxes of tissues.*

## PE Kits

As you are already aware, children are required to wear their PE kits into school on the designated day. Year 6 PE days will be Tuesday and Friday.

In addition to their basic kit, 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

This term the children will be researching, designing and creating their own Internet Safety Website for use by another age group within the school. They will be learning about the design process, create graphics for their websites and will learn how to build their website with HTML and CSS. We are very lucky to have Mr Logan Jr teaching our computing lessons this year.



what 'Being me in my world' looks like. This topic will focus on self identity and how we are all unique.

The children will be asked to consider their dreams and goals for the year and how they can achieve them.



We will also look at the universal rights of a child and what it means to be a global and local citizen.

The children will also 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.

## 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.



We will also enjoy celebrating our Harvest Pause Day on Tuesday, 29th September 2020.

## PE

During our PE lessons, we will be developing the children's fitness by completing circuit training and calisthenics.

Our outdoor PE lessons will include a range of team games starting with tag rugby. We will also be receiving cricket training from a visiting coach.



## Art & Design

Children will be working on their art and design skills through the study of various artists and develop an appreciation for art.

They will develop their cross stitch skills through the design and creation of their Tudor bookmark.

## Music/Drama

Children will develop their performance and music appreciation skills.

Throughout the year there will be opportunities for singing, including starting to rehearse for the Year 6 production of Oliver Jr. Drama also supports our English and PSHE curriculum, with a focus on Zones of Regulation.



## PSHE

We will be following our new Jigsaw scheme of work which incorporates the new requirements regarding Relationship and Health Education for primary school pupils.

In Year 6, the children will be asked to consider

## Homework

Home Learning Tasks will continue to be set for English and Maths, making use of online resources where possible.

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, as well as the CGP revision booklets. Further details will follow shortly.

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

Depending on the task set, we would welcome your support when the children are expected to self-mark their work.



## Diary Dates

**Harvest Pause Day—29th September 2020**

**Pupil advocate interviews—1st October 2020**

**Year 6 Cycle Training—Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd October.**

**Tudor workshop—Friday 13th November 2020**

**Flu jab—Monday 23rd November 2020**

**Christmas production 8th, 9th and 10th December 2020**

**(Obviously, this will be dependent on government guidelines but we do have an alternative plan if required).**