



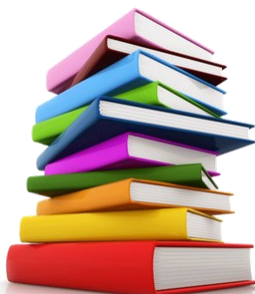
TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Year Six

Autumn Term 2023

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, including poetry.



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

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

Science

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

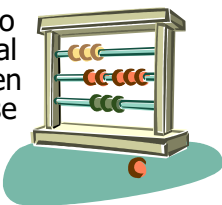
To start off this term, we will be looking at how the bodies of animals, including humans, function. Later on, we will look at how lifestyle choices can impact our bodies.

After half-term, the children will be exploring how light travels 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 apply 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.

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 be holding a Harvest Church Service on Tuesday, 26th September at St Mary's with St Alban's Church at 9.45am. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

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?".

We are also hoping to visit Hampton Court Palace this term where we will not only learn more about this historical palace but consider Henry VIII as a king.



French

Our topics will be 'Our School' and 'The World Around Us'. We will be learning vocabulary linked to these topics and practising speaking and listening in French.

Lesson Equipment

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

This should include: a blue rub-out pen (no biro), a whiteboard pen, a pencil, sharpener, eraser and glue stick.

Please ensure pencil cases are slim so they can fit into their classroom tray. We have a supply of coloured pencils and felt tip pens in school.

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

PE

PE lessons this term will include rounders, netball and dance. The children will be taught PE by a range of specialist PE/dance teachers, in addition to class teachers.

PE Kits

PE is taught on a Tuesday and Thursday in Year 6.

As you are already aware, children are required to wear their PE kits into school every Thursday this term. Please ensure kit is brought into school on a Monday as they may be needed throughout the week for clubs.

In addition to their basic kit, children require a pair of trainers. Plain navy blue jogging bottoms and sweat-shirt will be of benefit later in the term when the weather becomes colder.

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

Jewellery should not be worn and any new ear piercings will need to be covered if they cannot be removed.

Computing

Throughout the year, the children shall be researching, designing and creating their own app.

This term, we shall be looking at the purpose and theory underpinning some common app designs. We will then begin the process of planning our own apps. We are very lucky to have Mr Logan Jr teaching our computing lessons this year.



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.



PSHE

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



In Year 6, the children will be asked to consider what 'Being me in my world' looks like. This topic will focus on self identity and how we are all unique. 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.

Homework

Home Learning Tasks will continue to be set for English and mathematics, making use of online resources such as Manga High in addition to CGP books—details to follow.

The tasks are designed to support the children in securing their learning and may take a range of forms, including open-ended investigations, preparatory research work or 'test-yourself' activities.



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

Diary Dates

House Captain: Fri 15th September 2023

Junior Citizenship: Mon 18th September 2023

Harvest Church Service: Tues 26th September:
9.45am—St Mary's with St Alban's Church

Pupil advocate interviews: Fri 29th September 2023

Hampton Court Palace—tbc

Christmas production: Wed/Thur 6th/7th December
2023 7pm

SATs week: Monday 13th—Friday 17th May 2024

Bikeability: Mon 20th May—Fri 7th June 2024

IOW Residential: Mon 24th June—Fri 28th June 2024

Leavers' assembly: Tues 23rd July 2024