Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2 2026

Year 6

Please read this curriculum newsletter carefully, it explains what we will be covering this half term in all subjects.

English

Speaking and Listening

These skills are addressed throughout the day particularly during whole class guided Reading. As this session focuses on the teacher reading, children are able to listen and follow along with the text, allowing both listening and questioning skills to develop.

Reading

This half term we will be reading various poems for the first 2 weeks. This will be from the collective, "Let's chase stars together" by Matt Goodfellow. The children will have the opportunity to read aloud, read to partners and read to themselves, each important skills to develop. We will then move on to exploring non-fiction through the book, "Majestic Mountains." Children we continue to learn the skills of retrieval, inference and summary, as well as being exposed to a wide variety of vocabulary. They will also have the opportunity to complete timed practice SATs papers.

Writing

In writing, we will begin the half term by developing our storytelling skills as children will write a narrative inspired by modern fairy tales. We will also explore the features of an autobiography and write our own life stories. This journey will include the use of punctuation for clarity as well as some speech punctuation.

Maths

Following completion of our Four Operations unit, we will begin working on Mental Methods and Fractions. We will cover equivalent fractions, multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. The children will be using varied fluency to support and aid their reasoning and problem-solving attributes. This will be complimented using daily anchor tasks using real life scenarios. There will be concrete materials available for the children to support with their learning.

It is imperative that children in Year 6 are still logging onto TTRS, as much as possible.

Science

In Autumn 2, the children will be studying 'Light'. They will:

- Identify how light travels
- Understand how light enables our eyes to see
- Investigate light and reflection
- Understand why shadows have the same shape as the object that casts them

History

This half term children will be focusing on 'Crime and Punishment'. Children will create a class timeline on crime, which will be updated throughout the half term. They will look at historical sources relating the Roman crime and punishment and Anglo-Saxon crime and punishment. Children will then proceed to understand the reasons why the Magna Carta was signed before discovering how crime and punishment was dealt with during The Tudor period and the Victorian period. Children will then explore the reasons why there was a growth in crime in the 19th Century and how this led to the start of the police force.

Art

This half term, the children will explore the work and life of Leonardo da Vinci.
They will:

- explore da Vinci's Mona Lisa painting
- understand the proportions of the face
- draw a realistic portrait of a subject
- select the landscape for the background of their portrait,
- create a landscape scene using watercolour painting techniques,

Children will end the unit by assessing their artwork explaining techniques and methods used in its creation.

Music

In music this half term children will be building on their understanding of melodic phrases through looking at the wider structure and form of music. Children will continue to play and sing as well as begin to compose their own pieces.

RE

In RE this half term, the children will be considering the following two enquiry questions:

- *What kind of King is Jesus?*
- What do the Gospels say?

The children will explore Christian ideas about the Kingdom of God, they will understand how the Lord's prayer helps Christians to treat the Kingdom of God, and they will interpret Bible stories, and Gospels and attribute meaning to them.

PSHE

For PSHE, we will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work. The current unit is Understanding differences

PE

PE in Year 6 will take place on Monday and Friday.

Our topics for Autumn 2 are Dance and Hockey.

In Dance, the children will learn about and perform key features of Street Dance and Physical Theatre. They will use choreographic devices to show conflict. The children will learn how to bring performance skills to their work and interpret in detail another pair's dance.

In Hockey, the children will develop their passing, dribbling and shooting skills, before playing competitively using their new skills.

Please ensure your child(ren) is wearing the correct school PE kit, and ensure they bring a labelled water bottle into school.

Computing

The children's next topic in Computing is **Digital Fluency** (the ability to discover, evaluate, and use information and technology effectively and ethically).
The children will:

- organise their working areas by creating folders and subfolders
- save and retrieve data from an online platform
- create and format tables

practise improving their touch-typing skills

French

In French, we will be learning the terms for different lessons in French, how to say if we like or dislike them as well as say what time a lesson is due to start.

Key dates:

Key information:

- Homework should be returned on Fridays
- Reading books should be changed weekly
- PE lessons are every Monday and Friday

Support resources:

Please have a look at the links below to good websites and resources that will support your child finding out more about the topics they will be learning about this half term, these links may also support in completing the homework grid activities:

Maths: Maths home learning | Home learning | White Rose Education

Computing:
Practise your touch-typing skills: Dance Mat Typing for 7 - 11 year olds - BBC Bitesize

Art:
Leonardo da Vinci Biography for Kids: Artist, Genius, Inventor (ducksters.com)
Leonardo da Vinci - Kids | Britannica Kids | Homework Help
Leonardo da Vinci | Primary school help (theschoolrun.com)
Leonardo da Vinci Facts for Kids - Twinkl