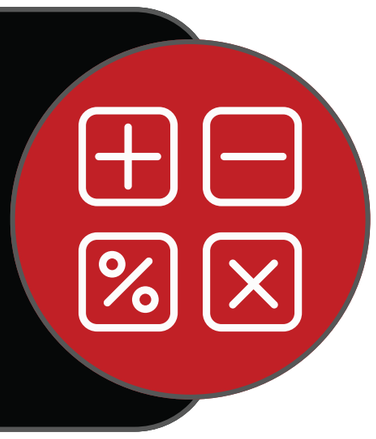
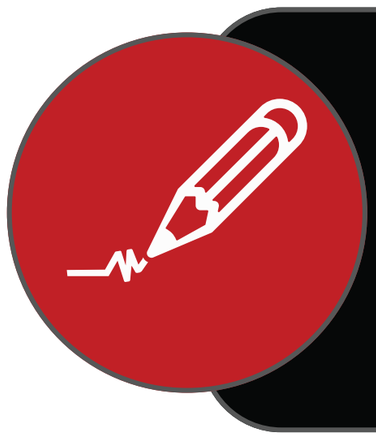
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Mathematics

Year 6 will begin the term with developing their understanding of division. Next, children will learn to identify common factors, multiples, and prime numbers. After this, they will develop their knowledge of fractions, learning how to simplify, compare, order, add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. The final topic will be decimals, in which we will read and write decimals, write fractions as decimals, add, subtract, multiply and divide.





English

In English, we will be using “Blackberry Blue” a short story by Jamila Gavin as the inspiration for our lessons. The sequence of learning includes a range of writing opportunities: both shorter and longer narratives as well as formal and informal letters. We will revisit as well as learn new grammar and punctuation, including the use of semi-colons, the subjunctive voice and the passive voice, applying this within the writes that we do.

Religious Education

We will begin the half term learning about Judaism, finding out about Yom Kippur and the value of atonement. Then, children will begin ‘Branch 2’ called ‘Prophecy and Promise’. Children will learn about significant women in the Old Testament and learn about the Magnificat. Finally, children will think about ways that women today respond to the God’s call.





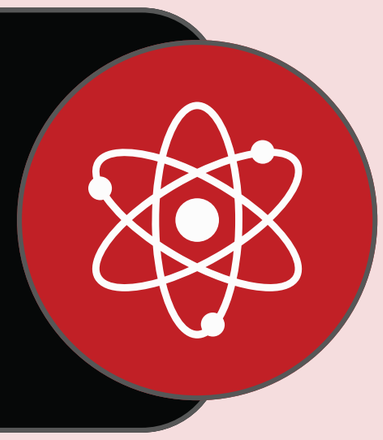
Reading

In Whole Class Reading, we will be continuing to read ‘Fly Me Home’ by Polly Ho-Yen and practising VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise).

In Story Time, we will be continuing with ‘Letters from the Lighthouse’ by Emma Carroll.

Science

In Science, our new topic is ‘Light’. Children will learn that light travels in straight lines as well as exploring reflections, refraction and shadows. The children will develop their working scientifically skills by planning and conducting investigations. As part of this unit, we will also learn about the famous scientist, Sir Isaac Newton, and his investigations into light and colour.





Music / Latin / Computing

In Latin, the children will study the unit ‘Gods! Hear Our Prayers!’. During these lessons, we will learn about the part religion played in Roman life as well as identifying some of the Roman gods. In Computing, the children will start their Networks topic. Online safety will also continue to be a part of our curriculum each week.

Art & Design Technology

In DT, the children will begin by learning about seasonality, focussing on the different vegetables available at this time of year. We will then use what we have learnt to design a soup recipe for a family. We will practise the skills needed to prepare different vegetables, before then cooking our seasonal soup.

History / Geography

In Geography, our topic is 'Extreme Earth'. The children will be learning about the Earth's climates and areas of extreme weather and temperature. We will find out about the Water Cycle and the distribution of water across the world. We will also be learning about earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

Physical Education

As part of a gymnastics unit, Year 6 will be learning to perform a full forwards roll, a floor cartwheel and also different types of balance on and off of apparatus. Year 6 will also be learning to play hockey, focussing on how to control the ball with a stick as well as passing and shooting techniques. Both an indoor and outdoor PE kit are required this half term.

Personal Development

This half term, children will begin and end with learning about the British Values, focussing on 'The Rule of Law' and 'Mutual Respect & Tolerance'. They will then learn about physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty. Finally, children will learn about dealing with pressure from peers or media, as well as how to keep themselves safe online.

Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 6 include:

- extreme
- seasonal
- simplify
- salvation
- visible
- collaborative
- absorb

Class Notices

Tuesday 27th October & Wednesday 28th October - Parents' Evening - Please use Arbor to book your appointment.
Tuesday 17th November - Cinema Trip

How parents & carers can help

- Regular reading, asking your child questions about their book.
- Complete any homework set.
- Learn to spell Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Statutory Words.
- Learn all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x12.
- Learn to tell the time on an analogue watch/clock.