Year 6 useful information

Please find in the following slides useful information for the term and year ahead.

Timetable

M O N	Maths 9.00 – 10.20	D	English Spellings	PE		Creative curriculum 1.00 – 3.00
T U E S	Gospel Assembly/ gathering	Maths 9.20 – 10.20	English –gram 10.40 – 12.15	nar focus	l N G	Art/DT/Creative Curriculum 1.00-3.00
W E D S			English 10.40 -11.50	RE/PSHE 11.50 -12.15	A C T I	Science with Mrs Ferryman 1.00-3.00
T H U R S	Assembly 9 – 9.20	Maths 9.20 -10.20	English 10.40 - 11.20	Computing 11.20 – 12.15	V I T Y	RE 1.00-3.00
F R I	Assembly/ collective worship 9 – 9.20	Maths, spelling tests and assessments 9.20- 10.20	English exte 10.40 -		PSHE 12.50	E PE 0 - 1.55 2.00 - 3.00

This is the current timetable for Year 6. Please see this as a guide, as lessons do alter or move according to the demands of the week. You will notice that there are daily maths and English lessons whilst cross-curricular and creative activities tend to take place during the afternoon. There are two PE slots, with Mr Seuke taking the class for both sessions. On Wednesday afternoon, the class are taught by Mrs Ferryman who covers the Year 6 science curriculum. The children are encouraged to read daily, and groups of children are heard to read by myself or Mrs Capindale. We are hoping to reintroduce Spanish lessons with Miss Hunter shortly. PSHE is a key focus this year, taught both discretely and in a cross-curricular way.

Curriculum Map 2020 – 2021

The next few slides a show a summary of the planned Curriculum Map for Year 6. Three topics are covered, one per term, with details of activities listed below. Depending on Covid restrictions, we may have to adapt or alter some of the content or means of delivery, but we will make our very best efforts to ensure a wide variety of exciting learning experiences for the children.

Subject	AUTUMN Wartime The Home Front in W	Children and family life	ls Geography and	ING TERM land Life land use in the British and beyond.	SUMMER TERM Changes Ahead! Transition and change in Year 6.	
	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr 1	Spr 2	Sum 2	Sum 2
English	Narrative Unit 1 Fiction Genre (setting the scene, detail and description)	Narrative Unit 2 Extending Narrative using class text	Non-fiction (Geography focus)	Non-fiction Unit 3 Character analysis from set text	Revision Unit 2 Reading and Writing non- fiction (3 weeks)	Revision Unit 1 Reading and writing narrative and plays. (3 weeks)
	Unit 1 The power of imagery	Film and play scripts (adaptations) Using Class Text as basis for work	Poetry Unit 2 Finding a Voice	Narrative Unit 3 Authors and texts.	Non-fiction Unit 4 Formal/ impersonal writing	Narrative Unit 4 Short stories with flashbacks.

<u>Year 6 Curriculum Map 2020 – 2021</u>

	AU	TUMN TERM	SPRIN	IG TERM	s	UMMER TERM				
Maths	Number, place value, approximation and estimation									
	Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, calculations									
	Fractions, decimals and percentages									
	Ratio and proportion									
	Algebra									
	Measurement									
	Geometry – properties of shapes									
	Geometry – position and direction									
	Statistics									
RE	Domestic Church - Loving		Local Church - Comr	nunity	Pentecost – serving witness					
Come and See	Baptism & Confirmation - Vocation and Commitment		Eucharist – relating	and unity	Reconciliation – inter-relating and healing					
	Advent and Christmas- loving and expectation		Lent and Easter – De	eath and New Life	Universal Church – Healing Journey in Love (see PSHE)					
	Other Religions		Other Religions		Other Religions					
	Forces in Action	Interdependence and	Properties and materials.	Light and Sight	Sound and electricity	Humans and other Animals				

	AUTUMN	SPRING TERM			SUMMER TERM		
THEME	'Carrie's War' (literacy based study of Bri focus on childhood experie	Island Life – geography- based topic looking at land use since ancient times - focus on islands/coastal settlement.			'Changing Times' -a celebration of life at Holy Family, growing and changing, looking ahead to life at secondary school. (literacy, PSHE)		
ICT	Finding things out Reviewing, modifying and Using presentation softwa	Combining still images, Data bases an digital video, sound DT (see below and/or animation.		nd graphical modelling – links with science and			
Computing		andling Data, Multimedia, Esafety, Technology in our lives ricular way, supported by specific key skills taught in computing sessions					
Geography	ography Map work		Settlement and land use, physical and			Key changes in settlement and land use in	
History	WWII	human geographical features of different kinds of islands, development of research skills			coastal communities over time		
Art	A sense of place – Art in W Henry Moore	Landscape and sea through the eyes of famous artists			People in Action		
Design Technology	Design and build Anderson evacuee teddy bears.	Exploration of technology – 'torches, timekeepers and tools'.			Holidays and fairgrounds – using graphical modelling and control to create moving models Use of computing skills to program simple devices with lights and sound.		
MUSIC — discrete lessons to resume when possible.	Listening and appraising	Exploring voices	Composing and appraising	Rhythm pattern	S	Melody shape	Festivals and ceremonies
PSHE Mental health and wellbeing & support after Covid and lockdown. This will continue throughout.	Healthy Environments and Healthy Society Junior Citizens training if possible. Year 6 Retreat Day (to take place in school grounds)	Healthy living and making good choices. E-Safety awareness training.	Keeping safe and managing risk – out and about Bikeability		Managing change – mental and emotional wellbeing	Building a healthy future Human Reproduction Journey in Love (links with RE)	
PE Two weekly sessions with Mr Seuke	Hockey Cross Country Ball Games outdoors (fitness indoors in poor weather)	Hockey Cross Country Ball Games outdoors (fitness indoors in poor weather)	Games Gym Fitness training athletics	Games Gym Fitness training athletics		Games Athletics Field Sports Fitness training	Games Athletics Field Sports Fitness training
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Homework Timetable Autumn 2020

Monday	Spellings and grammar	Return books on Wednesday				
Tuesday	Reading activities					
Wednesday	Maths	Return on Friday				
Thursday	Reading and practise spellings					
Friday	Reading and research activities					
Daily reading is encouraged and should be recorded in reading journal						

This is the homework timetable for the Autumn term. Homework should take less than 40 minutes to complete, please let me know if there are any issues. Daily reading is expected and the children should record their reading in their reading journals. I would like the children to enjoy using their journals, so illustrations and reflections on books read, characters described or new facts learnt are all encouraged. As the year progresses, additional homework activities will be added to the timetable.

Daily Maths Lesson

A variety of approaches are used to deliver the daily maths lesson. There is an emphasis both on the development of core skills and the ability to problem solve, using and applying knowledge to draw conclusions and reach solutions. Targets for the year's maths work are listed on the next slide. My teaching is supported by Mrs Capindale and Mr Tindall, who works with small groups when his commitments allow.

Key aspects -

- * Calculation strategies and arithmetic –skills developed daily
- * Mental maths continues to form a crucial part of lessons
- * Problem solving and investigations are a main element of all maths units
- * 'Trying things out' in order to 'use and apply' is actively encouraged
- * Clear and logical presentation is essential, please encourage this with maths homework.
- * Practical/real life maths will continue whenever possible
- * Exam technique is developed over the course of this year
- * Booster classes are offered for all children in the spring term. These will take place after school for one hour each week, details to follow shortly.
- * Weekly maths homework will be set



Daily English Lesson

Reading, writing, spelling and grammar activities take place daily. Writing skills are developed both discretely and through cross-curricular writing opportunities.

Key aspects -

- Regular reading comprehension work a class text will be used to provide opportunities both for discussing reading and to provide inspiration for creative writing. Books will be based on the class topic for the term. Our first book is 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden. Reading comprehension test papers are also used throughout the year.
- * Children will also read one to one. When a reading book is finished, children should ask to change it straight away. Reading from a variety of books and genres is encouraged. Reading forms a key part of the homework timetable.
- * Weekly spellings are set and are tested on Friday.
- * Extended writing tasks are worked on each week, with planning sessions culminating in the completion of a piece of 'Extended Writing'. Learning objectives for each piece cover both grammar and composition.
- * Neat and tidy joined handwriting is actively encouraged. Children should use a blue Berol pen, ink roller ball, Frixion pen or similar. They should not use Bic style biros.
- * Discrete grammar skills are taught through a weekly grammar lesson. All grammar content covered is summarised on the next slide. Children's knowledge of terminology is a crucial part of learning in grammar lessons.



SATs

- At the time of writing, the government report SATs tests will take place in May 2021 (Monday 10th – Thursday 13th)
- * Tests take place in reading, maths and grammar and spelling
- * Writing is assessed by the teacher
- * Science is also assessed by the teacher; there is no science test
- Children are assessed through a raw score which is converted to a standardised score. This score determines whether they are judged to have met the 'expected standard' or are working at 'greater depth'
- * All children sit the same papers. There are no extension papers.
- An information evening covering all aspects of the SATs tests takes place in January.

The Wider Curriculum in Year 6

With Year 6 come many unique opportunities and special projects. Some of these are listed here, but format and timing may be dependent on Covid restrictions.

- * Year 6 Retreat Day a day spent exploring what Year 6 will bring, what is expected and how to make the most of the year ahead. (Takes place in school grounds).
- **PSHE and e-safety projects** to be undertaken throughout the year. We explore resilience and change, friendships, positive and negative influence, growing up, independence and looking ahead.
- * Liturgy Leaders and Flame Newspaper editors the chance to mentor younger children in RE and collective worship or to help edit the school newspaper.
- * **St George's College Partnership** working with Sixth Form students on an RE topic (we hope this will take place next spring).
- * Workshops and themed days World War II Day, First Aid Training Course, Creative Arts Day, Junior Citizens Training Day.
- Time to Shine school productions, concerts, assembly, church celebrations, sporting fixtures.
- * **Day trips** these will resume as and when are able to do so.
- * Isle of Wight a letter about this trip will be sent out shortly.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Prefects all children are selected as prefects, but roles change and develop as the year progresses. They fulfil duties on a fortnightly rota.
- House Captains these will be selected to assist the organising of sports fixtures and other inter-house competitions.
- Sports Leaders support PE, exercise and sporting initiatives throughout the school.
- Reading Partners share books and reading opportunities with younger children.
- * **School Councillors –** class representatives are elected to the School Council.
- Liturgy Leaders and Partners work to prepare and deliver liturgy and mindfulness sessions with other classes.
- * **Newspaper editors –** work with Mr Tindall on the school newspaper.
- Increasingly independent members of Year 6 are often called upon to represent the school or support others in special 'one off' projects.

And Finally...

Year 6 is a special and exciting year and we hope that this year will be no exception, despite the exceptional circumstances in which we find ourselves.

The children are adjusting to learning and playing once again as a class of 30+. We have been working hard to establish routines, foster independence, set out expectations, support learning, identify strengths & areas for development, encourage positive friendships and enjoy each others' company.

Every child in Year 6 returns to us with a different experience of lockdown and we are mindful of the need to nurture a return to schooling, in academic but also in social and emotional terms. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's day, please do not hesitate to contact me.