

# Class Overview - Year 6 - Autumn Term 2021

We hope that this curriculum overview for the Autumn term will be useful to you.

## English

Our texts this term will include stories from other cultures with 'Journey to Jo'Burg, biographical writing with extracts from Nelson Mandela's 'Long Walk to Freedom' and historical stories like 'War Horse'. Our Shakespeare play is 'Much Ado About Nothing.' These texts will all be used to inspire our writing; by exploring the writer's use of language and writing techniques to engage the reader. We will be writing in a variety of genres including: descriptive narrative, diary entry, newspaper report and biographical writing. As well as developing our reading comprehension skills through finding evidence in the text and using inference skills.

Reading is a high priority. Can children please read regularly at home and record comments in their reading logs. These comments are important to us as they form the basis of our reading discussions.

**Spelling Test day is Friday.**

## Maths

In Maths this term the children will cover the following areas; place value, including decimals, addition and subtraction (including in context of measures), and multiplication and division, fractions and decimals (linked with percentages) and 3D shape.

Learning will include both mental and written strategies, as well as opportunities to apply maths knowledge with reasoning-based tasks.

Quick and accurate recall of number knowledge is important in supporting the children's learning.

**Times Table Test day is Friday**



## Science - 'Animals including Humans' and 'Electricity

Science during the autumn term will begin with a biology focus. The children will be learning about the human circulatory system, the functions of the heart, blood vessels and the blood. We will then move on to look at the impact our lifestyles (drugs, diet, exercise) have on the functioning of the body.

In the second half of the autumn term, we will be exploring the exciting topic of electricity. This is a very practical unit and provides lots of opportunities for hands on learning and experiments. The children will be making their own circuits using different components and then manipulating these to make the buzzers louder, the motors faster and the bulbs brighter. The children will also learn how to draw circuits using the correct scientific symbols.

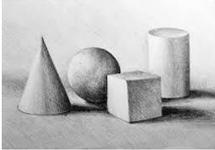
In **Knowledge and Understanding of the World** the topic this term is '**Rivers**'.

We will begin our topic work this term with a geography focus, the children will investigate the features of rivers; how they are formed and how they change, and their importance in human geography such as transport and settlements. We will learn about different rivers around the world and important roles that they play.

Our second topic this term is history based and the children will be learning about Ancient Greece. The children will start by learning about the different periods of Ancient Greece and where this fits in our history time line. They will then explore how the different areas of Greece were governed and go on to compare Athens and Sparta and what daily life was like, before going on to explore Greek mythology and the impact of some of the great philosophers of the time.

**P.E** - This term the children will explore invasion games including netball and football. They will develop skills in ball handling, moving and using space, as well as thinking tactically. The children will use iPads to film small clips of their games in order to analyse their skills and develop their play. During the PE lessons children will also be developing their cross country and long-distance running skills, the pupils will be challenged to beat their best time each week.

**PE Days - Tuesday and Thursday** (please ensure kit is in school each day to allow flexibility depending on the weather).

<p><b>Art</b></p> <p>Our art this term will focus on pencil skills. We will be learning different techniques that can be used to add shade and texture to a still life piece. We will also be exploring how to add perspective to our drawings.</p> 	<p><b>Design/Technology-</b></p> <p>Our DT topic this term will focus on frames and structures. The children will develop their skills of accurately measuring and cutting a variety of materials using different tools. As well as how to join these together securely and adding extra strength to a structure. The pupils will then design and make their own model shelter.</p>	<p><b>Music-</b></p> <p>Music will continue to be taught by Mr Hughes.</p> <p>The children will continue to develop their music reading skills as they move on to the advanced recorder. The children will also enjoy singing and composing their own rhythms.</p> 
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**Gospel - What would Jesus do?** - The children are going to be studying a variety of Gospel texts that share the 'Good News' in order to understand some of the teachings of Jesus.

Through discussions and group work they will reflect on the meaning of the gospel, their impact on the lives of Christians and how they feel about these ideas.

<p><b>French</b></p> <p>Madame Hadfield will continue to teach her very interactive and action-packed French lessons to the class every Tuesday.</p> 	<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>The Computing curriculum has two parts. Computing will be used across the curriculum areas to enhance and support learning as well as specific skills being taught within discrete Computing lessons, including Coding and presentational skills this term.</p> 
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**Personal, Social and Health Education** will follow themes during the year but will also be responsive to the development and needs of the children, as well as current topical issues, these will be covered by myself as the class teacher. Discrete PSHE lessons will be taught by Mrs Danks, the focus for this term is challenging stereotypes and discrimination.

**Homework - Homework will be given out each Monday to be returned on Friday.**

Each week the children will be given: spellings, a times table activity and either a piece of English or a piece of Maths. Each morning during registration the children will have the opportunity to ask for help. On a Wednesday lunch time we will run homework club, where the children will have the opportunity to work on their homework or ask for help.

<p><b>Imagine</b> With all <b>Believe</b> With all <b>Achieve</b> With all</p> <p>YOUR mind. YOUR heart. YOUR might.</p>	<p>The autumn term in Year 6 will involve lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities and I look forward to sharing these experiences and the learning journey with the children.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or questions about your child's learning or wellbeing.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support.</p> <p><b>Mrs Lowndes</b></p>
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