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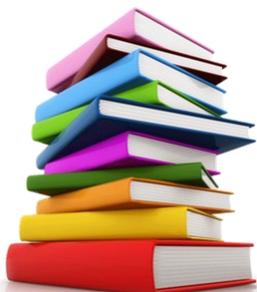
Year Six

Autumn Term

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.



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

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

Science

Science lessons this year will cover a range of exciting new topics, as well as revising the 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.

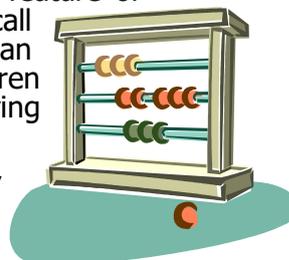
After half-term, the children will be exploring the behaviour of light and how we are able to see.



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 applying 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.

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?".

To compliment their studies, we will be visiting Hampton Court Palace and look at real Tudor artefacts during a trip to The National Archives.

Lesson Equipment

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

This should include: a blue handwriting pen (no biros. Blue Friction Rub-out pens are particularly useful!), a whiteboard pen, a pencil, sharpener, eraser and glue stick.

We would appreciate contributions of glue sticks as we go through a lot of glue!

PE Kits

P.E. kits will be needed in school every day.

In addition to their basic kit, children require a pair of trainers and warmer clothing will be of benefit later in the term.

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

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.



responsibilities as a part of the school.

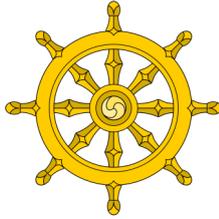
In the upcoming weeks, children will also participate in the borough's Junior Citizen scheme - a morning of activities that help develop their life skills.



The children 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 and be more involved in the running of the school.

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 also enjoy celebrating our Harvest Pause Day at the end of September.

PE

During our indoor PE lessons, we will be developing the children's fitness by completing circuit training. Our outdoor PE lessons will include a range of team games.



PE kits are required in school at all times.



Art & Design

The overall focus in Art will be on people in action; the children will explore how to convey movement in their work.

In DT we explore how boats are constructed and how they move. The children will take part in a Year 6 Boat Challenge.



Music/Drama

Children will develop their performance and music appreciation skills.

Throughout the year there will be lots of opportunities for singing, including our Christmas production. Drama will also support our English curriculum.

PSHE

The main focus of our PSHE lessons this term will be 'New Beginnings'. The children will establish a class charter of their rights and

Homework

Home Learning Tasks will continue to be set for English and Maths.

These tasks will be designed to support the children in the securing of their learning and may take a range of forms, including open-ended investigations, preparatory research work or 'test-yourself' activities. We will also be making a greater use of online resources, particularly in maths, as well as the CGP revision booklets.

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

Please encourage your child to complete their Home Learning tasks and hand their work in on time. Where answers (for self-checking) have been provided, please support your children in using them appropriately.



Diary Dates

National Archives:

6D/6B Thursday 19th September 2019
6R Thursday 26th September 2019

Junior Citizenship trip - 7th October 2019

Class Assemblies:

6D Friday 27th September 2019
6R Friday 11th October 2019
6B Friday 22nd November 2019

Hampton Court Palace — Monday 14th October 2019

Teddington School — High School Musical Tuesday 12th November 2019

Christmas show - 4th and 5th December 2019