

Year 6 – Subject Overview



Autumn 1

Subject	Overview
English	Our focus for the first few weeks of Autumn 1 will be the Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation, which we will then revisit and thread through our English lessons as we move through the year. We will be looking at the various types of Nouns and Verbs and their uses; Subject and Subject/Verb agreement; Single-Clause Sentences; Co-ordinating Conjunctions and Compound Subjects. For the latter part of the half term we will focus on our class text, 'Eagle in the Snow' by Michael Morpurgo. With this text we will be studying Diary Entries (Historical Perspective), looking at Informal First-person register, Consistent tense and voice and Precise vocabulary and emotive language.
Maths	Following our Power Maths, where we will look at Place Value and Fractions. We will also continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills to include written and mental methods. Within this unit, we will use money as context for adding and subtracting. We will revisit multiplication and the grid method for calculating multiplications of 2-digit by 2-digit numbers. Our class target in mathematics is to use formal written methods correctly, especially for long division. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts.
RE	During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Creation and Covenant' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to the Creation story. They will also develop their understanding of what is meant by 'covenant' and will explore God's covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses.
Science	Our Science focus this half term is Light. Children to recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. Children to use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. Children to use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
PE	<i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i> PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be Swimming and learning the skills and rules of Cricket. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons.
History	In History, the children will study World War II. They will be using both picture and written evidence to explain the points of view of people affected by the war. They will understand who had an impact in helping the war effort including people of colour, different religions and also understand how the war affected many people and the impact on the countries and its practises.
Art	During this half term Year Six's art topic is 2D drawing to 3D making.

	They will create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas. They will improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay] and know about great artists, architects and designers in history.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and then learning how to describe our families and familiar places. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Online Safety'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
PSHE	Using our Jigsaw Programme, the unit we are focussing on is: Being me in my World Online Safety

Autumn 2



Subject	Overview
English	For this half term we will continue with our class text, 'Eagle in the Snow' by Michael Morpurgo. Our focus will be a Character Study - Summarising a character's journey concisely and selecting key details to support main ideas. We will also be studying Narrative Writing, where the children will write a parallel wartime narrative from a different perspective, focussing on atmosphere, setting and emotional impact, using short bursts of speech to reveal character.
Maths	In maths, we will look more deeply at fractions, including simplifying fractions and placing them on a number line. We will also continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills to include written and mental methods. We will revisit multiplication and the grid method for calculating multiplications of 2 digit by one digit numbers. Our class target in mathematics is to use formal written methods correctly, especially for long division. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. We are trying to achieve mastery methods for solving problems.
RE	During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Prophecy and Promise' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including Advent, the expectant waiting for the Messiah, the messages and teachings of the prophets, the fulfilment of God's promise and the Nativity story.
Science	This half-term, we will be investigating Electricity. Children associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. Children to compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. Children to use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a

	diagram.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE –This half-term, Year 6 continue to Swim and will also be learning Gymnastic skills. Please ensure children have the correct P.E . Kit for indoor and outdoor lessons.
Geography	This half term the children will be focusing on Natural resources and their distribution. The children will know where and how different natural resources are distributed. They will use facts and figures and represent them on a chart and learn how glass, steel, natural energy etc is made and distributed.
Design & Technology	During this half term Year Six will be working on WW2 shelters and food for a tea party. They will follow the design, make and evaluate model, using technical knowledge that they have learnt.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and then learning how to describe ourselves and our clothing as well as how to give instructions and directions. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit ‘Spreadsheets’.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
PSHE	Using our Jigsaw Programme, the unit we are focussing on is: Celebrating Differences Anti-Bullying



Spring 1

Subject	Overview
English	Our focus text for this half term is <i>Wonder</i> by R.J. Palacio (<i>to be confirmed</i>) We will be looking at writing a balanced argument, using a formal register and cohesive paragraphing and Modal verbs to express degrees of certainty. The children will also learn to write from a character’s point of view, looking at voice and viewpoint consistency, emotional vocabulary and cohesion, informal tone and adaptation of language for audience and purpose.
Maths	In Power Maths, we will complete fractions and then look at algebra, ratio and decimals. Our class target in mathematics is to use formal written methods correctly, particularly multiplication and short/long division. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. Children will be tested weekly on times tables using TTRockstars.
RE	During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Galilee to Jerusalem' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including Jesus’s ministry, the parables and miracles of Jesus, his teachings, the concept of discipleship and being a follower of Christ.
Science	This half-term, we will be investigating Living Things and their Habitats. The children will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.

	They will give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be working on their Dance skills with Miss Georgine and they will also have HRE (Health Related Exercise). Please ensure children have the correct P.E. Kit for outdoor lessons.
History	This half term the children will be focusing on the British Empire. They will explore what is an empire? What is the British empire? The impact of different monarchs on the rule in India and how peoples' lives were impacted by Britain?
Art	During this half term Year Six will be Exploring Identity. The children will be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and then learning how to describe daily routines and characteristics. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Scratch'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
PSHE	Using our Jigsaw Programme, the unit we are focussing on is: Life to the full Children's Mental Health week
RSE	We will be following our Ten:Ten scheme to focus on the units: Created and loved by God. Looking at Gifts and talents. Looking at changes to our bodies during puberty.

Spring 2



Subject	Overview
English	We will continue to read our Spring Term class text, Wonder. The children will learn to write an alternative chapter, including narrative with dialogue to move the story along. They will write a structured narrative, using descriptive settings, dialogue between characters that moves the story along and cohesive devices in and across paragraphs.
Maths	In maths, we will look at algebra, decimals, percentages and measure (including area and perimeter). We will also be revising the four operations and properties of shape in detail to prepare for the end of Keystage assessments. Our class target in mathematics is to use formal written methods correctly, especially for long division. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. Children will be using Times Tables Rockstar weekly.
RE	During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'Desert to Garden' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including the liturgical season of Lent, Holy Week and the journey of darkness into light during the

	passion of Christ and into Easter Sunday.
Science	Pupils will learn about Evolution and Inheritance. They will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. The children will recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. They will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be taught the rules and skills of Tag Rugby and Handball. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for outdoor lessons.
Geography	This half term the children will be focusing on Trade and Economics – UK and El Salvador. The children will understand why we import/export and where to? What fair trade is and why is it important? They will compare a central American country to the UK.
Design & Technology	During this half term Year Six will be working on making a product with an electrical component. They will follow the design, make and evaluate model, using technical knowledge that they have learnt.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and expanding our vocabulary. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation. We will be assessed in these areas.
Computing	We will be completing our unit ‘Coding’.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
PSHE	Using our Jigsaw Programme, the unit we are focussing on is: Dreams and goals Healthy me
RSE	Continuation of : Created and loved by God. Looking at Gifts and talents. Looking at changes to our bodies during puberty.



Summer 1

Subject	Overview
English	Our focus text will be <i>Room 13</i> by Robert Swindells. The children will continue to look at setting Description, cohesive imagery, figurative language and sensory detail.
Maths	In maths, we will look at decimals, percentages, statistics, shape and measure. We will also be revising the four operations in detail to prepare for the end of Keystage assessments. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts.
RE	During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'To the Ends of the Earth' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. As children move up the school, they will be developing their knowledge, discernment and response to areas of the curriculum including the time of

	Eastertide, the story of Resurrection and Ascension, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the story of the Apostles and the early Church and Church today - community, role, liturgy structures (mass)
Science	The children will study the second part of Evolution and Inheritance. They will recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. The children will identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be taught about the rules and skills of Orienteering and also Athletics. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for outdoor lessons.
History	This half term the children will be focusing on the Vikings. The children will identify similarities and differences between Viking and - life, culture and leadership. Pupils will explain key causes and consequences of invasions, settlements and power struggles, recognise change and continuity across the era. They will evaluate the historical significance of figures such as Alfred the Great and events such as the Norman Conquest.
Art	The children will be studying the 'Take a seat' art topic using sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas. They will improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay] and know about great artists, architects and designers in history.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and expanding our vocabulary. We will learn about other French speaking countries. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Word Processing'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	We will be continuing again with : Created and loved by God. Looking at Gifts and talents. Looking at changes to our bodies during puberty. including How babies are made.

Summer 2



Subject	Overview
English	We study a range of media shorts and non-fiction texts. The children will study and write non-chronological reports, focussing on formal tone and third-person voice, passive constructions and using clear organisation with headings. The children will also study suspense narrative and how to build tension through structure and language. To vary sentence length for effect, to choose precise verbs and to include dialogue to move the story along.
Maths	In maths, we will also be revising the KS2 mathematical curriculum and focusing on how we can apply our knowledge when Problem Solving.

	Our class target in mathematics is to choose the correct method and operation when answering multi-step problems. It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. Children will be tested weekly using Times Tables Rockstar or Assertive Maths.
RE	During this half term, across the school, teachers will be delivering lessons from the 'To the Ends of the Earth' branch from the new RE curriculum 'Discerning Disciples'. This unit gives children across the school to explore how Christians engage with people of different faiths and religions. We encourage a sense of respect and dignity to all.
Science	This half-term, we will be studying Animals, including Humans. The children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. They will describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term. PE - This half-term, Year 6 will be taught Dance Skills and the rules of playing Rounders. Please ensure that children have the correct P.E for outdoor lessons.
Geography	This half term the children will be focusing on OS maps. The children will know what OS map symbols are. Understand how to use 4 and 6 figure grid references and be able to plan a route from a given place to a set destination using map skills.
Design & Technology	During this half term Year Six will be working on making props and creating sets for the end of year assembly. They will follow the design, make and evaluate model, using technical knowledge that they have learnt.
French	We will be revisiting our prior learning and expanding our vocabulary. Our learning will include French reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar, phonics, cultural awareness and translation. We will perform a French play.
Computing	We will be completing our unit 'Using and Applying'.
Music	Will be taught by our specialist teacher, Mrs Amison.
RSE	We will be following our Ten:Ten scheme to focus on the units: Created to love others. Created to live in Community.