



Year 6 Autumn Term 2024



Welcome to Year 6! I hope you have had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and are feeling recharged and ready for another exciting year!

We have a very busy term ahead of us in Year 6 and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to. Our topic this term is 'Where in the World Are We?' and we will be learning all about the Roman Empire and comparing their way of living and exploring how they have changed and shaped the world we live in today.

This term, we will be swimming on a Tuesday afternoon so you will need to bring your full kit on this day.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you again this year :)

Mr Grant.

Our PE lessons this term will be **swimming** and will take place on a **Tuesday** afternoon.

Please bring your full kit every Tuesday this term.

Monday: Guitar lessons

Tuesday: Swimming

Wednesday: Music with Mrs Hughes every other week

Thursday:

Friday: Brass lessons

You need your reading book and water bottle in school **every day**.

Homework

Every Friday, new homework tasks will be posted on our Class Dojo page.

Reading

Please try to read for at least 15 minutes every day. Think about the pace of your reading – it is important that you can read texts quickly and fluently. It is also really important to talk about the text with an adult to develop your understanding of the texts you have read. Your Accelerated Reader book should be returned to school every day. We will continue to use Reading Plus which you can access at home too.

Spelling

It is really important to work on the spelling patterns and the CEW spelling word lists each week. These will be posted on Dojo. Spelling words accurately will help to improve your independent writing. Try to use Spelling Shed at home regularly too.

Maths

Make sure you know the x and ÷ facts for all tables up to 12 x 12. These facts will be tested regularly this term. Please use TTRS as often as possible – can you get to the top of our school leader board?

Printed homework sheets are available if required. Please let me know if you would like these.

Our Autumn Term Curriculum

Our Autumn Term topic is 'Where in the World Are We?'

Maths: We will be developing our understanding of place value through ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers. We will be completing and extending number sequences, finding number bonds and doubling and halving numbers accurately. We will be developing our written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and we will use these to solve 'real life' problems involving money and measures. It is really important that you know all of the x and ÷ facts up to 12 x 12 by heart as these facts will be tested regularly and they will help you to answer questions across the maths curriculum.

English: We will be writing diary entries, newspaper reports and descriptive passages based on our class novel – *Orphans of the Tide*. We will also be reading and writing instructions to help us with our DT work. We will continue to work on our spelling and we will continue to improve our handwriting, making sure that all of our letters are formed properly and that our work is always presented neatly as this is important for the English Curriculum assessments. We will be working on punctuation and grammar every day to improve the accuracy of our writing. We will also be working hard on reading comprehension skills to develop our understanding of the texts we read.

Science: We will be exploring *Animals Including Humans* this term to discover more about how people and animals change as they progress through their life cycle.

History and Geography: Our history work will be focused around the Roman Empire as we discover about daily life in this time period and discover how our lives today have been shaped by the advances they made. We will also be comparing the human and physical geography of modern-day Greece with that of the UK.

Computing: We will use our Computing skills across the curriculum, building upon the techniques we learned further down school to refine the work we produce on the laptops, PCs and iPads. We will also be learning how to record information in databases and using search tools to narrow down our selections.

Religious Education: This term we will be exploring the question 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' as we think about the life of important figures in the Bible and how following God brought both of these things.

P.E.: We will be swimming every Tuesday afternoon for the full autumn term.

Music: Our musical learning this term will be delivered by Mrs Hughes from the Durham Music Service and we will have opportunities to develop our understanding of rhythm and beat as well as chances to play a variety of instruments.

Art and DT: This term in art, we will be exploring and developing our own drawing techniques to imitate the work of Roy Lichtenstein's Pop Art style. Our DT will involve studying Italian cuisine and making our own dish – yum!

PSHCE: This first half term will be all about looking after ourselves. We will discuss what this means and how we can keep ourselves (and people around us) safe.