



Year 6 News

Autumn 2

November 2024



Welcome to Year 6, the Dame Sarah Storey and Usain Bolt classes, taught by Mr Nicholls and Miss Moore. We hope you all had a great half term break after a hectic introduction to life in Year 6 during Autumn 1 and are ready for Autumn 2 – a term which again promises to be full of learning lots, challenging ourselves and having fun as we build towards SATs later in the year and the end of term seasonal festivities. On Fridays, Year 6 teachers will have PPA, where both classes will have Spanish and P.E. during this time. The Usain Bolt class will also be covered by Miss Hudson on a Tuesday afternoon.



Half Term Theme - Exploration

Our focus book this half term is **Windrush Child** by Benjamin Zephaniah. This is a gripping adventure that follows a young boy, Leonard, who travels to Britain from Jamaica on HMT Windrush to start a better life whilst Britain rebuilds following WW2. Through his eyes, we experience the culture shock of arriving in a strange land, starting a new life and being on the receiving end of prejudice and racism.

In Writing we will be using the book as a stimulus to write a letter home to his Grandma explaining what life is like in Britain. We will also be focussing on developing our grammatical, spelling and handwriting skills.

In Maths we will be focussing on Fractions and Measurement. Each lesson will start with a Numeracy focus where we will be using Numeracy Ninjas. It is really important that pupils continue to practice their times tables as part of their home learning!

Our Science lessons will focus on the circulatory system – which organs form it, how oxygen is transported around the body and the parts of the heart and how it works. We will also be looking at First Aid and how we can restart a heart through CPR.

In RE, our enquiry focus is on the Christian belief in the Trinity – God as father, son and holy spirit. Will investigate how that shapes Christians' view of God and compare with other faiths belief in deities.

REMINDERS

PE will be on a Friday

Please remember to come to school in your PE kit including suitable footwear such as trainers in case we are outside. (Plain T-shirt, plain Joggers and school cardigan/jumper).

Reading

Please continue to read at home as this is so important and helps children develop skills and a love of books. Please bring reading books and diaries to school every day.

Look at **MyMaths** for weekly challenges which link to our work in class and revise things done before.

Tasks will also be set weekly on **Spelling Shed**, with a short test on Friday mornings.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

Windrush Workshop 5th Nov

Sport's Ambassadors event at Harvey Hadden 7th Nov

Remembrance Day 11th Nov

Children In Need 15th Nov

The 'Girls Can Festival' 17th Nov

Anti-bullying Week 18th – 22nd Nov

Open Classroom for parents 28th Nov

Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper's Day 11th Dec

Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas parties and KS2 Carol Concert for parents, at St Mary's Church – 5.00 – 6.30pm 17th Dec

June 2025 – Year 6 residential, more information to follow.

In History, we will make links to our learning in Autumn 1, with sessions focussing on the Caribbean and the Windrush generation.

In Geography, we will be exploring both the human and physical geography of the Caribbean and comparing that with our knowledge of how and where we live.

In DT, we will be designing and making alarm systems using shoe boxes and electronics. If you have a show box at home for your child to use, please could they bring it in during week 3.

In Computing sessions, we will be learning about websites and how they are created by using HTML.

What can you do to support your child's learning?

- 1) Listen to them read. Encourage them to use the VIPERS reading dogs when discussing the books they have read. Log their reading in their reading journal.
- 2) Encourage them to use My Maths (and look at place value).
- 3) Help your child continue to learn their times tables. Using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)
- 4) Log into Spelling Shed and practice the weekly spellings.

Reading Dogs



Vocabulary Vince

Draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.

What does the word mean in this sentence?

- Find and copy a word which means
 - What does this word or phrase tell you about
 - Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?
 - Which of the words best describes the character/setting/mood etc?
 - Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?
 - Why do you think is repeated in this section?
 - What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood?
 - Which word tells you that....?
 - Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood?
 - Find one word in the text which means.....
 - Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to.....
 - Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that.....
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Thank you
Liz Moore and Phil Nicholls

Contacting the year 6 team

We are at the classroom door at drop off and pick up times and am always happy to say hello or have a quick chat.

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Don't forget to download the MavellousMe app and keep an eye on the website and Facebook page, for up-to-date information and key messages.

