



Year 6 News

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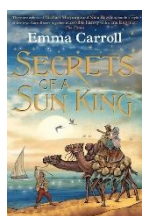
January 2025



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 break for the festivities after a hectic end to the Autumn term. The Spring term, starting with our trip to Leicester Museum, promises to be full of exciting and challenging learning, and having fun as we build towards SATs later in the year.

On Thursdays, Year 6 teachers will have PPA, where both classes will have Spanish and P.E. during this time.



Half Term Theme - Exploration

Our focus book this half term is **Secrets of a Sun King** by the brilliant Emma Carroll. This is a gripping adventure following the main character Lillian who retraces her grandfather's footsteps to Egypt in order to solve the great mystery of Tutankhamen.

In writing we will be using the book as a stimulus to write a letter about a terrible curse on a mysterious canopic jar stolen from an Egyptian tomb. The children will also be focussing on developing their grammar, spelling and handwriting skills.

In Maths we will be focussing on Ratios, Algebra and Decimals. Each lesson will start with a Numeracy focus where we will be using Numeracy Ninjas. It is essential that pupils continue to practice their times tables, as well completing the weekly challenges on MyMaths as part of their home learning!

Our science lessons will focus on the topic – Evolution and Inheritance. Pupils will learn how fossils were formed over millions of years and how plants and animals have adapted to their environment. They will learn about Charles Darwin and his Theory of Evolution.

In RE, our enquiry focus is on the Christian belief in Eternity. The children will explore the question – is anything eternal? They will discuss the Christian beliefs in heaven and what actions a Christian might take to obtain eternal life.

In History, we will be studying the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. To start this topic, we will be making Egyptian clay cartouches

REMINDERS

PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday
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:

Tuesday 14th January – Sports for Good starts in Year 6 in the afternoon.

Children need to come in PE kit

Thursday 16th January – Year 6 trip to Leicester Museum.

Lunar New Year – 29th January 2025

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th February – Parent's evening

NSPCC Number day – 7th February

Online safety week – 10th February

Friday 14th February – last day of term.

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

using hieroglyphics before developing the children's knowledge about what life was like for people living in ancient Egypt. They will be discovering the major achievements of the Egyptians and why they buried their pharaohs in pyramids. The topic will be further embedded by their trip to Leicester Museum.

In Geography, we will be exploring the River Nile: looking at the countries it runs through, its many features and how the river affects the life of those who live near it.

In Computing sessions, we will be learning about variables in programming through creating games.

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. It is expected that pupils read daily and log their reading in their reading journal.
- 2) In Year 6, we expect pupils to log into and use My Maths weekly.
- 3) Help your child continue to cement their times tables knowledge: use Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)
- 4) In Year 6, we expect pupils to log into Spelling Shed and practice their 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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