



**Curriculum Information for Parents**  
**Year 6 - Spring Term 2018**

This term in English and Maths we will be preparing the children for their SATs by revising concepts and practising papers. More information about this will be given at the SATs information evening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6pm.

**Literacy**

In Literacy and in our guided reading and writing sessions, we will look at a range of different texts, including:

- journalistic writing
- narrative
- diary entries and official logs
- stories that include cultural changes
- viewpoint

Our Guided Reading sessions will form part of the Literacy lesson as we unpick different text features in order to support writing. The first book we will be looking at is *A Story Like The Wind* by Gill Lewis.

**Maths**

Our daily Maths lessons and mental maths sessions this term will be revising many concepts the children have previously learnt about so that they are prepared for SATs. We will also be introducing: ratio and proportion, imperial and metric measures, calculating with fractions, algebra problems, and area and perimeter problems.

**Science**

We will be learning about what sources create light and how it travels through different objects. We will also be looking at electricity and creating circuits that have different purposes.

Our learning unit is...

**EXPLORATION**



**PE Days**

Children will need their indoor and outdoor kits on Monday and Thursday. Please check they have suitable footwear and that all kit is named.

**Learning Values**

This half term we will be looking at our new learning value - Resilience. The children will be working towards becoming resilient learners and citizens while building on their Respect and Collaboration skills.

**Suggestions to help your child at home...**

Homework for year 6 will be different this term to prepare the children for year 7 and also to give them the chance to revise for their SATs. There will be 2 pieces of homework (1 Literacy and 1 Maths) set every Monday and these will need to be handed in on Friday.

Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings and times table practise on a Monday and spelling tests will take place on the following Monday.

**Reading Books**

We are currently trying to promote reading in year 6 by lending books we have enjoyed to the children. We are also asking for recommendations from the children themselves. Please continue to encourage reading for pleasure with the children by sharing books you have enjoyed with them. There is a great deal of evidence which shows reading for pleasure influences academic results positively in all subjects.

**Online Learning**

Your child has access to Bug Club and Mathletics at home to practise their reading, maths and spelling skills. Log on details can be found in their reading diary.

During this unit, our learning will include...

**PE**

**Orienteering** - following and guiding around a course, including using maps in order to be explorers.  
**Gym** - balances and counter balances, including exploring how to travel on and off apparatus

**History and Geography**

We will be looking at how explorers have changed the way we live today. The children will be finding out about famous explorers and what changes this led to throughout history. We will also be finding out about the countries that have been discovered by various expeditions.

**Personal, Social and Moral Education**

**Going for Goals** - Identifying personal targets and aiming for resilience  
**Good to Be Me** - Identifying personal strengths and what makes us an individual and how to be independent.

**Religious Education**

**Sacred Places** - Looking at their features and significance for different religions  
**Symbolism** - Looking at sacrifice and how it is symbolised and recognised by Christians

**Languages**

As part of our work on explorers and discoveries, we will be learning about the different languages around the globe.

**Art & Design Technology**

**Printing** - Looking at printing techniques and representing a journey through printing.  
**Global Food** - Later in the term we will be tasting different meals and constructing our own street food.

**Computing**

We will be building our own electronic games and developing our presentation skills.

**Music**

Mrs Watling will be teaching music this term and linking her lessons to the exploration topic.