

Autumn Term 1



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome to the first half term in year 6.

We hope you had a very enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to your child enjoying learning and achieving throughout their time in year 6. We have lots of exciting and valuable learning opportunities planned for your child and look forward to the year ahead. We would like to begin this year by informing you of the coverage across a range of subjects that lie ahead.

Our topic during Autumn 1 is based on the enquiry question, “Can you protect your heart?” which is focused around Science and PSHE.

As part of this unit of learning, we will be:

- Looking at what happens to our bodies when we are frightened.
- Identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
- Investigating how blood is transported through our veins, arteries and capillaries
- Learning about the impact of diet, drugs, smoking and exercise on our bodies.

In art and music we will be looking at how different emotions are expressed through a range of mediums. We will be studying The Scream artwork by Edvard Munch and the children will have the opportunity to provide their own personal representations of this.

In English lessons, we are reading a short novel called, Room 13 by Robert Swindells. The children will develop their reading skills as we progress through the text and will also have the opportunity to complete some narrative writing that creates tension and suspense for the reader. Our English learning will be enhanced this half term with a visit to Whitby, the place where the book is set. There will be more information about this exciting visit soon. In addition, we will be looking at the picture book Way Home by Gregory Rogers and a range of non-fiction texts in our topic work.

In maths, we will be reviewing and extending the children’s understanding of number and calculation. This will involve revising the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will also be faced with numbers up to 10 million and negative numbers. Throughout the half term, the children will have the opportunity to reason and solve problems in a range of contexts.

In RE we will be exploring the theme of beliefs and meaning in Christianity. Our enquiry question that bases our learning is “Is anything ever eternal?”

In year 6, homework is set on a Friday and is due to be returned the following Wednesday. Any children who require support with their homework, have the opportunity to see their teacher at any point during the week and there is a homework club available to attend one lunchtime a week. There is also an expectation that the children are learning times tables and completing their own home reading, which will be celebrated and discussed regularly in class. This should be recorded in the children’s reading record books.

Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. Indoor PE is every Tuesday and outdoor PE is every Wednesday. The children are currently taking part in gymnastics (Class 11) or swimming (Class 12) and tag rugby.

Please continue to read the online newsletter available on the school website for up-and-coming events. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A very busy and exciting half term ahead!



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Thank you for your support.

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