

In English we are diving into...

“Clockwork” and “Can We Save the Tiger?”



Philip Pullman's *Clockwork* is a dark, medieval tale that we will use as part of our study of 'suspense' writing. We will then read *Can We Save the Tiger* and use this text as our basis and inspiration for creating persuasive texts, letters, documentary narratives, explanation text and an argument text. We will be thinking as conservationists and assessing the human impact on the environment and how we can address this.

As Mathematicians we will...

Begin the term, with a focus on revisiting and deepening our understanding number of and place value. This will include ordering and comparing numbers. We will then move on to using the four operations. We will be looking at mental strategies, arithmetic-style calculations and developing our mathematical thinking – using different strategies – to solve multi-step and reasoning problems.

Year 6 Key Information

Soft start is from 8.45-8.55am

Both classes finish at 3.25pm

Coats and Packed Lunch Boxes

Coats and bags will be kept in the cloakroom and lunch boxes and water bottles on the trolley outside the classroom.

Stationary

Children are welcome to bring in their own stationary in a sensible pencil case. Children can bring in their own writing pen, this must be a blue ink/rollerball/fountain pen – no biros please.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**

Tuesdays will be inside with the class teacher and **outside** on a **Thursday**, with coach. Children should come into school wearing the correct Raglan PE kit on both of these days. This is a navy t-shirt (plain or with school logo); navy shorts and appropriate sports footwear.



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Year 6 Newsletter Autumn Term 1 – 2023/24

Welcome back after the Summer break, we are so excited about the coming term and starting a whole host of new, exciting learning.

Thank you for your support – from Mr. Farmer, Mr. Sykes and the Year 6 support team.

Useful websites

www.mathletics.co.uk

<https://app.seesaw.me/#/login>

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/raglan-br2>

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games e.g
Hit the button, Coconut multiples

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermoves/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4> -
tables practice

[Primary Homework Help](#) | [Online Games For Kids - BBC Bitesize](#) - [BBC Bitesize for spelling, grammar and maths resources and revision.](#)

<http://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Year-6-> information on range of subjects.

Important Dates for This Term:

28th September – Harvest Assembly

2nd October – Mock SATS week

6th October – Spooky Disco

10th & 11th October – Parents Evening

Half Term 16th – 27th October

10th November – Panthers Family Assembly

24th November Golden Eagles Family Assembly

How can you help at home?

In Maths, we are working on explaining our thinking and reasoning, so talking through mathematical problems and getting your child to tell you how they solved them would be an excellent way to support their learning.

We would appreciate it if you could explore the Spelling List for Year 5 and 6 with your child at home – by discussing the spelling rules and also the meaning of the words. This will enable the children to learn to use the vocabulary in context. These spellings can be found in the children's Reading Records, as well as online.

They are also asked to continue to practise their times tables and read at least three times per week outside school. Please check your child's Reading Record weekly and, if you have time, hear them read and enjoy their books with them!

Home Learning

Home learning will be set on a **Friday** and should be completed by the following **Wednesday**, at the latest. This will be marked. If children do not bring their home learning in, they will have to complete it during **Thursday break time**. Home Learning tasks will need to be recorded in their green Home Learning Journal. Home learning will consist of Reading, Maths and GPS tasks, as well as foundation subjects, on occasion. Please log onto **Mathletics** and complete any assigned activities. These will not be every week, but at the end of a block of learning.

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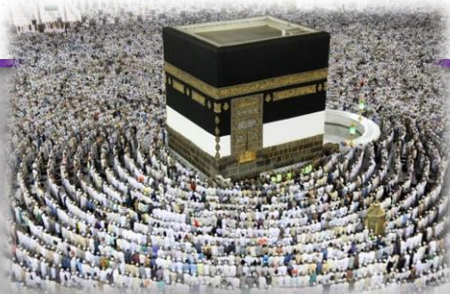
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In RE we will...

Be studying the Religion of Islam and exploring the question...

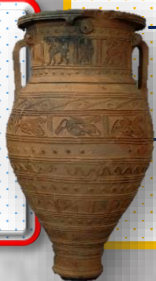
'What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?'

This will lead us to think about what commitment means and how we show commitment to things that are important to us, outside of religion.



As global citizens we will...

Be thinking about endangered plants and animals and the impact of human activity on Earth's natural habitats.



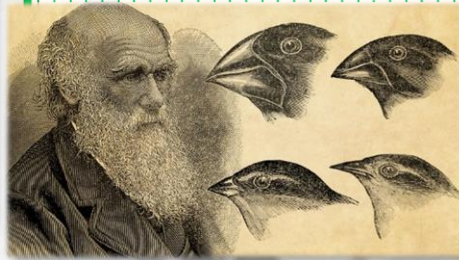
As scientists we will ...

Be investigating:

- Evolution, inheritance and adaptation: the changes that have occurred in living things over time.
- The offspring of living things and their characteristics.
- How animals and plants are adapted to where they live.

Working scientifically to:

- Understand how evidence can be used to support an idea.
- Plan how to answer questions using scientific evidence.
- Measure accurately, record and analyse results.



As Historians we will...

Be investigating...

- The history and key events of the ancient Greek civilization.
- Everyday life of ancient Greeks from different backgrounds.
- Significant achievements of the ancient Greeks and their influence on the Western World.
- How our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.

Compare ancient Greece to modern civilisation.

In PE we will ...

Be working on skills to complement invasion games with coach. Thinking about strategy and team work. We will be completing a dance unit of learning with our class teacher. This will need us to create a series of movements and think about using 'The Haka' as inspiration.



In Art, we will...

Be investigating street art. This will include how it can show personalised images as well as looking at how it has developed to be a voice for social justice movements. We will create 'throwies' and investigate mixed media.



As musicians we will...

Be working with BYMT to provide children with some outstanding music teaching. The children will take part in a rolling programme consisting of singing lessons, music technology and instrumental lessons. The objective is to provide a continuum of study, giving students the opportunity to further develop their musical skills and interests.