

Year 6: Things to look forward to in Autumn 1

Dates for your diary:

04.09.24 - Meet the teacher (Hall at 3.30pm)
19.09.25 - Genes for Jeans
24.09.25 - School Photos (Individual)
26.09.25 - Macmillan Coffee Morning
26.09.25 - Flu vaccinations
15.10.25 - Open classroom
21.10.25 - Parent consultations
22.10.25 - Parent consultations
24.10.25 - Halloween disco

Maths: You're only as solid as what you build on.

Year 6 children will begin their mathematical journey by recapping and extending their knowledge of place value. Consolidating this knowledge will underpin our revision of the four operations later in the half-term. Knowing number facts, such as multiplication tables, will be a huge advantage to all children.

English: The suspense is terrible. I hope it will last.

Our opening unit of work for English is centred around creating suspense and tension through writing. Initially, children experience the spine-tingling chills of suspense themselves, as we watch several short video clips in a bid to understand what it is like to generate the feelings of suspense. We then take this into our writing, exploring how different sentence structures can facilitate the building of tension at the key moment!

Science: There's not much room in here!

To begin the year, we are focusing on 'Living Things and their Habitats'.

We will use the White Rose scheme to classify organisms, including animals, plants and microorganisms. We will also look at the work of Carl Linnaeus, a Swedish scientist who developed a system for classifying all organisms.

Topic: In our changing world, nothing changes more than geography!

Our first topic explores plate tectonics and land changes, including volcanos, mountain and hill formation; the cause of earthquakes; and the processes of coastal erosion.

Language of
the half-term:
Japanese

Art: "Together, we are using art to reach a distant destination." - Ben Schumaker (Memory Project Founder)

Children open the year with an amazing unit of work: The Memory Project. We aim to provide handmade, heartfelt portraits as special memories to children from deprived countries or backgrounds. It is an incredibly touching project that has the potential to impact many youths worldwide. Pencils at the ready!

P.E: Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.

Team sports and invasion games are the focus of our PE for the half-term, as we prepare ourselves for lessons on football and dodgeball. Not only do we hone the skills required for these sports, but we begin to refine strategies and tactics, as well as promote the importance of communication.

PSHE: You are enough, just as you are.

PSHE will entail a lot of self-reflection, as we encourage children to think about their character traits, emotions and self-esteem. We remind the children that everybody has worth, but uncovering positive things about themselves is priceless!

French: With languages, you are home anywhere.

In French lessons, we will be studying the topic 'Le Weekend', where children will talk about what they do at the weekend!

Computing: How does everything connect?

In computing, we will look at computer networks and systems. This unit is all about how information is shared, transferred and communicated using the available technology.