

**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER**  
**YEAR 6 - AUTUMN TERM 1 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please find below the units that your child will be learning this term.

**English**

**Writing:**

*Text types: Setting description, Diary entry*

- To be able to identify audience and the purpose of the writing.
- To be able to use a range of sentence starters to create specific effects.
- To be able to sustain and develop ideas logically in fictional and non-fictional narrative writing.
- To select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect the level of formality required.

**Reading:**

*Focus texts: From Slave ship to freedom*

- To be able to read books that are structured in different ways.
- To be able to identify themes in texts.
- To be able to identify and explain how writers use grammatical features for effect.
- To express a personal point of view about a text, giving reasons linked to evidence from texts.

**Grammar:**

- To use a range of cohesive devices including adverbials, within and across sentences and paragraphs.
- To use passive and modal verbs mostly appropriately
- To use a wide range of clause structures, sometimes varying their position

**Mathematics**

- To be able to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10,000,000
- To determine the value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000,000.
- To be able to round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
- To use negative numbers in context, and calculate intervals across zero.
- To solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- To identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers.
- To be able to perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers.

**Arabic Studies**

**Countries & My Daily Routines:**

Autumn term in year 6 will include the topics Countries and My Daily Routines where pupils will learn the names of the seven continents and selected countries. Pupils will talk about countries they have visited or would like to visit and why. The focus during the second half of the term will be on children's daily routines where they will learn a song about different daily routines whilst learning to read and understand a text about routines, concluding in a written short text describing their daily routines.

## PE

### **Focus 1 this Term – Tag Rugby**

#### **Character Skill – Responsibility. Co-Operation**

Tag rugby is an invasion game. In this unit pupils develop their understanding of the attacking and defending principles of invasion games. In all games activities, pupils have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. In tag rugby pupils do this by maintaining possession and moving the ball towards the try line to score. Pupils develop their understanding of the importance of fair play and honesty while self-managing games and learning and abiding by key rules, as well as evaluating their own and others' performances.

### **Focus 2 this Term – Tennis**

#### **Character Skill – Responsibility. Co-Operation**

Tennis is a net and wall game. In this unit pupils develop their understanding of the principles of net and wall games. In all games activities, pupils have to think about how they use skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition. Pupils are given opportunities to work co-operatively with others as well as independently, they are able to lead and officiate showing honesty and fair play whilst abiding by the rules. Pupils develop their tactical awareness, learning how to outwit an opponent when playing individually and with a partner.

## Music

Pupils will look at Sea shanties and recognise underlying themes linked with the music that was used to help slaves survive during their transportation.

- Develop an understanding of the history of music.
- Improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using interrelated dimensions.

## RE

### **Key Beliefs:**

How can beliefs practices and community support determine responses to matters of life and death?  
How might beliefs and community shape a person's identity

## Computing

Pupils will be able to decipher different forms of internet communication and what type of networking is involved. They will discuss issues related to privacy and information security and know how to manage information online.

## Science

This term pupils will delve into the intriguing world of the heart and the circulatory system, gaining valuable insights into how these essential components function within the human body. This engaging learning opportunity will provide a foundational understanding of human biology

## Additional Information

### **Preparation:**

All children should have the school PE kit as this is part of their uniform. This **must** include trainers or plimsolls and the school T-shirt. Children are not allowed to do PE in their school shoes. PE kits need to be bought in on Thursdays.

Please ensure that children are prepared for school every day. Children are expected and should be encouraged to attend every lesson with a pencil case and all necessary stationery.

### **Homework:**

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday for it to be completed by the following Tuesday. In addition to this, Year 6 children are expected to read independently for at least 30 minutes on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to set time everyday to complete the homework that they are set.

### **Parent workshop**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 1:50pm.** The parent workshop will be held face to face in the school hall. This is a crucial year for your child, so we encourage you all to please attend as it's important for you to understand Year 6 and how to support your child at home.

We hope that you find this information useful and will continue to support your child's learning at home.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Saddique (Year Leader) Ms Ehsan, Ms Dhanda, Ms Kashmiri