

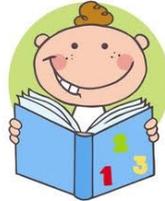


# Year 6 News



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and are ready to start the new school year. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and working together, so that your child has a very exciting and productive year.

## Autumn 1 2025



### Topic

Our Challenge Curriculum topic this half term is 'How do maps help us to find our way around?' In this topic the children will have the opportunity to use OS maps, compasses, grid references and different time zones! They will also create a school and its surroundings.



### Literacy

Our daily Literacy lessons will feature a range of texts and genres including *The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt which links in with our science topic of classification, as well as *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes.

### Science



In science, the topic 'How are living things grouped and classified?' will see the children learn about classifying animals and finding out about microorganisms. We'll also explore the ground-breaking work of Carl Linnaeus and his classification system which is still used today.

### Maths

We will be covering a variety of areas this half term including place value and the four operations. Please support your child to learn their times tables and to complete their weekly practice at home. As always, we encourage the children to spend time, when possible, to use Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars. All children are expected to access Times Table Rockstars at home regularly in replacement of weekly homework tasks.

There will be lots of opportunities to develop writing skills.

Additionally, the children will also have daily whole class reading lessons to develop those reading techniques.

### Reading



Reading is a vital skill that supports all areas of children's learning. It is important that children are reading regularly to adults at home and having their homework diary signed to complete the reading challenge to have the opportunity of earning a free book from Mrs Dainty. There are also lots of opportunity to earn rewards for hitting their Accelerated Reading targets of an 85% quiz average and an average reading time of 25 minutes per day.

### Homework

Homework has now be separated into must do/optional tasks to help parents/carers fit this into their busy schedule. Must do tasks: weekly TT Rockstars and reading to an adult. Optional tasks: Mathletics and Nando's homework (this can be found on the school website or your child can ask for a copy).

Phew! What a busy half term! We are looking forward to meeting you and look forward to the year ahead.

Mr Oyston and Mrs Kavalieros



### PE

Like last year, children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on their allocated PE days. P.E kits should consist of black or grey leggings or track-suit bottoms and a white T-shirt. Children should wear school jumpers as normal. Children should also wear normal school shoes and should have plimsolls or trainers to change into before the lesson. Our PE days for this half-term are:

Tuesday — Outdoor PE (hockey)

Thursday — Indoor PE (gymnastics)