Y6 News
Autumn 2 2026

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term break and that your child is ready for another busy but fun half term which includes our very exciting residential trip to Willersley Castle.

Maths



We will be covering a variety of areas this half term including long division, order of operations and fractions. As part of the school's approach to homework, please ensure that children are accessing Times-Table Rockstars as much as possible. Well done to all those children who have already 'Gone Green!' This means that they are able to recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 in under 4 seconds resulting in their heat maps turning green!

PE



All 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 tracksuit 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:

Tuesdays: Outdoor PE: (Leadership)

Thursdays: Indoor PE: (DRUMBA)

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 - earning a free book from Mrs Dainty in doing so. There are also lots of opportunities to earn rewards for hitting their Accelerated Reading targets of an 85% quiz average and an average reading time of 25 minutes per day.

In addition to this, children should be accessing Reading Plus once or twice a week at home to aid their reading fluency. Those at the top of the leader board each week will have the potential to win prizes or be on the Dream Team!

English

Our daily English lessons will be based on the wonderful book, 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin. Sessions will feature lots of Oracy experiences leading to a wide range of writing opportunities including diary writing (recounts), non-chronological reports and a biography on Charles Darwin.

Spelling

We will continue to focus on a different spelling rule each week. The children will be taught the rule on Mondays, and complete activities each day within our English lessons. There will be no weekly spelling tests. Children have access to Spelling Shed games.

Topic

Our History topic this half term will be based upon the rise and fall of the British Empire. The children will be learning about how the British Empire came to be and how controversy led to its downfall.

Science



This half-term's Science topic is Evolution, where children will be exploring the question *'How have living things on Earth changed over time?'* Children will learn about genetics and inheritance and complete independent research on the naturalist, Charles Darwin.

Homework

Homework is separated into must do/optional tasks to help parents/carers/children fit this into their busy schedules. Must do tasks: weekly TTRS, Reading Plus and reading to an adult. Optional tasks: Nandos homework (this can be found on the Y6 page of the school website or your child can ask for a copy).

Diary Dates

9.11.26: Willersley Castle Residential (return: 11.11.26)

12.11.26: Individual school photos

We are looking forward to meeting you at one of the Parents' Evening dates later this term. Phew! What a busy half term!

Miss Hughes, Mr Green and Mr Oyston