

Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Summer Term 2023

Welcome to Year 6.

We hope you had a lovely Easter break.

English



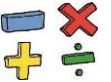
Our reading will focus on comprehension and written responses in the early part of the term. We will be studying two books in depth: 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and 'Dare To Be You' by Matthew Syed, these have both been chosen with transition to secondary school in mind.

In the first half term, we will be intensively revising grammar and there are extensive and helpful materials on Google Classroom to support children with their understanding.

In writing we will be focusing on narrative writing, news reports and discussion texts.

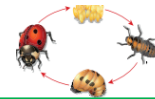
Investigations will be a regular feature of our **spelling** lessons and home learning. We will have weekly dictations to assess the spelling rules learned in school and practised at home.

Maths



Essential Maths topics will cover key arithmetic skills. Our topics will include algebra and statistics. In order to practise mathematical skills there are many interactive websites the children can use such as Times Tables Rock Stars and BBC Bitzeize.

Science



We are studying 3 science topics this term. Firstly, 'Animals including Humans', where we will be investigating the digestive system.

Following this, 'Electricity', where we will be studying how to build series circuits, how the voltage affects the components of a circuit and the consequences are of changing a circuit's component.

Finally, we will be studying 'Evolution & Inheritance' and explore how living things have changed and evolved over time. We will investigate what DNA is and the role it plays in our lives and our focus scientists will be Darwin and Wallace.

Leader In Me



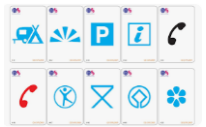
'Leader in Me' lessons take place regularly throughout the week and cover leadership and all of the 8 habits. Pupils will learn to lead others, with weekly modules on topics such as 'Trust' and 'Showing Consideration'.

Leadership roles are an important part of daily life at Applecroft and children enjoy the responsibility and independence that they are given. They have a key part to play in the smooth running of the school.

PSHE



PHSE is taught through our Jigsaw lessons. The first topic is all about 'Relationships' and then we move onto 'Changing Me'. We will be exploring how to look after our mental health, how to show respect for others and how to make good relationship choices. Then we will be focusing on understanding and respecting the changes that children go through as they navigate their way through puberty, knowing that everyone is unique and special.



Art & Design

In Art, this term, we will be studying the work of Henry Moore and using tools safely to create clay and wire sculptures. The children will be designing both realistic and abstract sculptures.

PE



P.E. lessons will continue to take place on Mondays and Wednesdays for both classes and will include units on striking and fielding. Children will need to wear their P.E. kits to school on both of these days and must be prepared for the warmer weather, with adequate sun protection, including a hat and plenty of water. Their trainers should remain in school every day as we will also be participating in the Daily Mile.

RE

In Year 6 this term, we are learning about the Christian faith. We will be looking at the idea of God and how God is depicted in the Bible. We will also explore the similarities and differences between the different denominations within Christianity. We will also be welcoming St Francis Church into school.

History / Geography

In History, we will be learning about the Second World War in a unit called 'The Battle of Britain'. Our twentieth century studies will include some local history from the period.

Learning in Geography this term, includes the use of maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to understand where and how settlements occur in our world. We will also be consolidating our learning in orienteering.

Computing

In computing this term we will be focusing on 'Computing Systems & Networks' and 'Technology Around Us'. We will then move onto exploring data information and spreadsheets.

MFL



In MFL we will be learning about habitats and ways to express where we live in French.

Design Technology



First, we will be exploring electrical systems and will consider whether switches can perform more than one function.

Next, we will move onto a textiles unit. In this unit, we will be looking at how we can reduce, recycle and repurpose fabric. The children will be crocheting an item made out of recycled materials.

Music



Our music unit has a focus on performance and pupils will be using a range of instruments. The children's performances will also include an element of improvisation. The compositions and improvisations will form part of our Year 6 leavers' assembly.

Communication

We will be communicating home learning to the children via Google Classroom, so please ensure they regularly log on to check for assignments and messages.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform:

Grey trousers/shorts/skirt
White polo shirt/blouse
Or red and white checked summer dress
Red jumper/cardigan
Black shoes
White/grey/red socks

Hair accessories must be in school colours and all long hair tied back. On P.E. days, children must wear black shorts and a white T-shirt. Coloured house T-shirts are for house events only.

Home Learning

Communication

Home Learning tasks will be set as Google Classroom assignments, where appropriate. Children are expected to spend between 30 and 45 minutes on most tasks. The timetable is as follows:

Subject	Date Set	Date Due In
Science	Tuesday	Tuesday
Maths	Tuesday	Tuesday
English	Thursday	Thursday

Attendance, Punctuality and Key Dates

The school day runs from 8.45am to 3.15pm and the children can arrive from 8.35am for a 'soft start'. If your child is absent, please inform the school office as soon as possible.



Mon 1st May: Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 8th May: Bank Holiday - School Closed
9th-12th May SATs
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June: Half Term Break
Mon 5th June: INSET Day
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th May- PGL
Wednesday 19th July Leavers Assembly 7pm
Thurs 20th July: End of Term 2pm

SATS

The statutory assessment tests will take place from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May.

The school will be providing a free breakfast for the children each morning, there will be a range of delicious treats to choose from for example bacon butties, croissants toast & cereal.