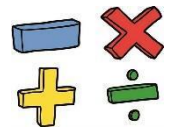




We hope you all had a lovely summer! Now the term is underway we would like to say welcome back to all parents and carers of Year 6 children and give an outline of our plans and expectations for this term.

Maths

We will be following the Essential Maths programme which has a strong focus on number but also covers shape, measures and statistics.



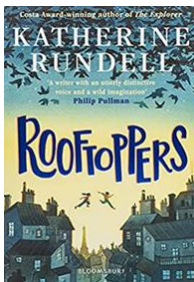
Mental Maths: Please help your child to practise their multiplication tables on a regular basis. This will help in so many areas of maths, including division and fractions. There are many interactive on-line games you can use such as: Times Table Rockstars and BBC Bitesize.

Writing

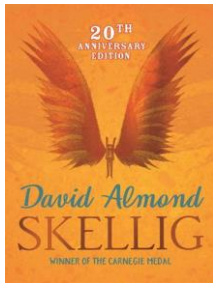


Units of work will be based around a series of model texts as part of our whole school approach. Our writing modules are linked to our wider curriculum and include autobiography, explanations, speeches, first person narratives and poetry. We will develop composition and grammar skills in these lessons.

Reading



In our whole class reading we will begin the term with a beautiful book called 'Rooftoppers'. The children will develop their reading comprehension skills with this and other related texts in a daily reading lesson. We will also be reading the book as a class novel.



In the second half of the term, we will be reading the extraordinary 'Skellig'. Class sets of these books have been purchased so each child will have a copy to read at home and in school.

We will continue to monitor the children's reading by regularly looking at their Boom Reader (formerly GoRead) records. Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible, and record this via the app. Your child should aim to read at least 5 times a week. If they do this and successfully log it on the Boom Reader app they will be awarded with an extra gem each week! We really appreciate your support.



Spelling

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 practiced at home.

Science

Science will have a strong practical emphasis and the children will be asked to think like a scientist, devising their own investigations and experiments. Science this term will include topics on 'Living Things & Their Habitats' and 'Light'. We will also be investigating the work of the scientist Carl Linneaus.



History

Five Monarchs Through Time: Battle, Conflict and Events



Our history learning takes us from 1066 to the reign of Queen Victoria and will focus on the legacy of five key English monarchs. We will learn about the changing role of the monarch over the centuries and the key events which shaped their reign.

Geography

Comparison of places: UK, Europe and the Caribbean



Our geography topic will take us on a journey to the Lake District, the Tatra Mountains in Poland and the island of Jamaica. We will be comparing the physical and human geography of these places and considering how mountains are formed.

Design Technology (DT)

Later in the term, in DT, the children will undertake a food and nutrition topic focused around eating ethically and a second topic which will explore mechanisms and gears.

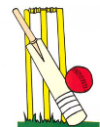
Art & Design



Our Art & Design lessons this year will include studies of both the class artists. In this term's unit on painting, we will look at how artists use composition and how Andy Warhol uses different colour schemes. We will study the sculptural work of Henry Moore later in the year.

Physical Education (PE)

PE lessons will take place on Monday & Wednesday (Warhol) and Monday & Tuesday (Moore). Will cover gymnastics and invasion games. Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on these days and must have warm clothing to wear when the weather turns cold. Their trainers should remain in school every day as we will also be participating in the Daily Mile.



Music



This half term's topic is 'Sing Musical Stories'. We will be listening and responding to a variety of songs and the meaning of their cultural and social lyrics, learning to sing in harmony and with descant parts, creating our own song lyrics, and performing as an ensemble.

Computing



We will be looking closely at Internet safety and encouraging the children to use the internet safely at home for research purposes. In the second part of the term we will be designing digital models in our 'Creating Media' topic.

PSHE



In our PSHE lessons, we will look at 'Being Me in My World'. This will include the setting of goals and discussing the idea of being a global citizen.

Religious Education (RE)

During the Autumn term, Year 6 will be learning about Humanism. We will be exploring the idea of a world view and what influences our worldviews. We will also welcome a member of Humanists UK, who will come in and talk to the children. In addition, we will be exploring influential Humanist thinkers throughout history.



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

This term in French we will be covering the 'At School' (A L'Ecole) topic. This topic covers learning about the school day and the names of the school subjects. We will be learning how to say simple phrases including telling someone which subjects we like and dislike.

Attendance & Punctuality

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 by 8:30am.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform:

Grey trousers/shorts/skirt

White/red polo shirt

Red jumper/cardigan

Hair accessories must be in school colours and all long hair tied back. On PE days, children must wear black shorts (or black joggers when it is cold) and a white T-shirt. Coloured house T-shirts are for school events only. All items should be plain with no logos.

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.

If you require an urgent response, please contact us via the school office.

Y6 Home Learning

Home Learning tasks will be set as Google Classroom assignments, where appropriate. Children are expected to spend between 30 and 60 minutes on most tasks. The timetable is as follows:

Subject	Day it will be set	Day it is due in
English/spelling	Friday	Thursday
Science	Tuesday	Tuesday
Maths	Wednesday	Monday
History/Geography or Art & Design: 2 pieces every half term		

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any queries using the year group email: year6@applecroft.herts.sch.uk.

If it is a non-urgent matter, we are usually available on Mondays after school. Please book an appointment via the school, if you would like to talk to us.

You can also follow up on Twitter [@applecroftwgc](https://twitter.com/applecroftwgc)

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