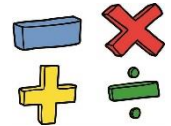




We hope you all had a lovely summer! Now the term is underway we would like to say hello to all parents and carers of Year 6 children and give an outline of our plans and expectations for this term.

Maths



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

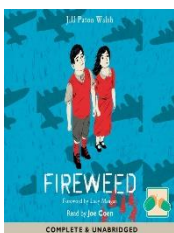
Mental Maths: Please help your child to practise their multiplication tables on a regular basis. This will help in so many areas of maths, including division and fractions. There are many interactive on-line games you can use such as: Times Table Rockstars and BBC Bitesize.



English

Units of work will be based around a series of high quality texts as part of our whole school 'Back on Track' approach. We will begin the term with a beautiful book called 'Wisp' and the children will have opportunities to develop both their reading and writing skills.

Reading



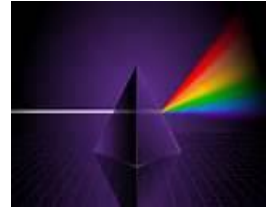
We will continue to monitor the children's reading by regularly looking at their Student Planners. Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible, sign the book weekly and comment on their reading. We really appreciate your support. Our first class novel is 'Fireweed' which is a story about children struggling to survive the Blitz in World War Two.

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 practised 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 'Light' and 'Electricity'. In the next few weeks they will use their scientific knowledge on the properties of light to solve a crime, eliminating suspects using a range of clues.



History

20th Century Britain: War and Peace

Using a cross-curricular approach, our topic this term is all about the many changes in the 20th century, with a particular focus on World War Two.

As part of this topic we will be having a 'World War 2 Day' on **Wednesday 10th November**. This will be held in school and we would like the children to dress as evacuees.

Some costume ideas are as follows:

Boys - grey shorts, shirt, jumper

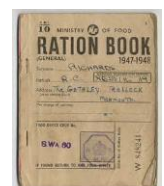
Girls - skirt, blouse, cardigan



Children can wear either wellingtons or shoes and carry a bag/suitcase and a teddy bear, if they wish!

We encourage the children to bring in a packed lunch based on the types of food available in the 1940s, considering the rationing of the time.

REMINDER: We are a nut free school



More information about this day will follow.



Design Technology (DT)

Later in the term, in DT, the children will create a gardener's tool belt. They will use computer-aided design for their initial plans and pattern-making and learn a range of skills, such as stitching and sewing on a button. We would be very grateful to have some parental help in order to allow the children to use the sewing machines (subject to any new COVID restrictions). If you would like to help, please attend one of the parent helper meetings:

Monday 4th October at 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th October at 9.10am

Art & Design

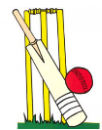


Our art lessons this year will include studies of both the class artists. In this term's unit on painting, we will look at how artists use composition and how Andy Warhol uses different colour schemes. We will study the sculptural work of Henry Moore later in the year.



Physical Education (P.E.)

P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and will cover cricket, gymnastics and netball. Children will need to wear their P.E. kits to school on both of 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



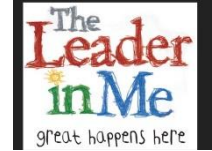
We will be following the Charanga scheme of work for music, which includes opportunities to listen to a range of music, to play instruments such as glockenspiels and hand bells, to compose their own music and to improvise.

Computing



We will be looking at internet safety and encouraging the children to use the internet safely at home for research purposes. In addition, we will be learning how to use computer-aided design and spreadsheets.

Leader In Me



We will continue our learning of the Leader in Me and the 7 Habits. Everyone will have their own leadership roles; this develops a sense of belonging as well as increasing maturity and independence.

PSHE



In our Jigsaw 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)

This term in RE we will be learning about Humanism. We will be looking at world views, happiness and influential thinkers.



French

In French we will be covering the 'At School' (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.



PGL Trip to Brecon, Powys

Monday 4th to Friday 8th October 2021

This is a much anticipated trip as children will have the opportunity to experience adventurous activities that they may not have tried before. It is also a good way to get to know each other better and for them to develop friendships. More information, including a kit list has been sent home.

Attendance & Punctuality

The school day runs from 8.55am to 3.15pm and the children can arrive from 8.45am for a 'soft start'. If your child is absent, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

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 P.E. days, children must wear black shorts (or black joggers when it is cold) and a white T-shirt. Coloured house T-shirts are for house events only.

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. We will also be updating the Year 6 page of the school website and using Twitter for school events.

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

Otherwise, our email address is: year6@applecroft.herts.sch.uk

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	Monday	Monday
Science	Tuesday	Tuesday
Maths	Wednesday	Monday
Topic/Art: 2-3 pieces every half term		

Diary Dates

September 20th: Young Shakespeare Day

September 21st: School Photographer

W/C September 27⁺ : Parent consultations

September 4th -8th: PGL

October 21st: Harvest Festival

October 25th -29th: Half term

November 10th: World War 2 Day

W/C November 15th: Themed Week: Wellbeing

November 24th: Visit to Kidzania (more information to follow)

December 3rd: Christmas Panto

December 3rd: Festive Friday - TBC

December 7th: Christmas Show matinee and evening performance

December 9th: Christmas Show evening performance

December 15th: Open Afternoon

December 16th: Christmas Lunch (and Christmas jumpers)

December 18th : End of term

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any queries. If it is a non-urgent matter, we are usually available on Mondays after school. Please book an appointment via email, if you would like to talk to us.

The Year 6 Team