

Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to Year 6. This term our topic is
Britain in the Twentieth Century



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

This term we will be focusing on key skills using the 'Back on Track' materials. This will include number skills and place value. Mrs Entwisle will also be teaching an autumn term unit on shape.

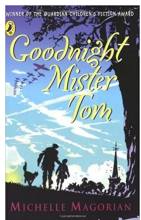


Mental Maths: Parents, please help your child to practise their multiplication tables on a regular basis. This will help in so many areas of maths, including division and fractions.

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.



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 and comment on their reading. We really appreciate your support. Our class novel is 'Goodnight Mister Tom'.

Spelling

Spelling investigations will be a regular feature of our Home Learning; we will no longer be requiring children to learn weekly lists. However, we will continue to have regular 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 light and how it behaves to solve a crime, eliminating suspects using the given clues.



History



A Century of Change: Using a cross-curricular, creative approach, our topic this term is all about the many changes in the 20th century, with a particular focus on Welwyn Garden City as we continue to celebrate the centenary.

As part of this topic we will be having a 'World War 2 Day' on **Wednesday 11th 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.

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.

More information about this day will follow.

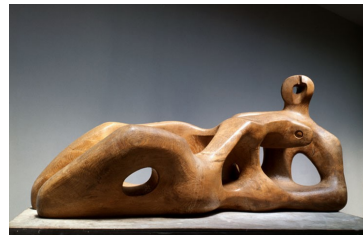


Design Technology (DT)

In DT the children will create a cushion cover from an old pillow case. They will use computer-aided design for their initial plans and learn some basic skills, such as sewing on a button and using a sewing machine.

Art & Design

In our Art lessons, we will be studying the artwork of both the class artists. This term we will look at Andy Warhol and we will study the work of Henry Moore later in the year.



Physical Education (PE)

PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and will cover cricket and athletics. Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on both of these days. 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, play instruments such as glockenspiels and hand bells, compose their own music and improvise.

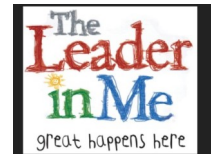
Computing



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. In addition, we will be covering the Year 5 Sex Education unit that was missed last term.



Religious Education (RE)



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

When we look at Sikhism we will be studying their main beliefs and learning about the origins of Sikhism and how Sikhs worship today.



PGL

As all school trips have been cancelled this term, we will not be going to Wales as we would usually do in the autumn. However, we are very excited that we have managed to secure a booking for a PGL trip to Osmington Bay, near Weymouth, in June 2021 (21st-25th). This is subject to any regulations that are in place next summer, but we very much hope that this will go ahead. A letter with all the details will be sent home soon.

Attendance & Punctuality

The school day for Year 6 runs from 9.00am to 3.20pm and the children should arrive promptly. If your child is absent, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear the appropriate school uniform of grey trousers/shorts/skirts, white/red polo shirts and red jumpers/cardigans. 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.

Communication

We will be communicating home learning to the children via Google Classroom this year, so please ensure they regularly log on to check for assignments and remain confident users. We will also be regularly 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
Maths	Wednesday	Monday
Science	Thursday	Thursday
English	Monday	Monday

Topic/Art: 2-3 pieces every half term

Diary Dates

September 23rd: School Photographer
W/C October 12th: Bikeability
October 20th: Y6 Well-being Questionnaire
October 26th-30th: Half term
November 2nd: INSET day (school closed)
November 11th: World War 2 Day
November 17th: Young Shakespeare Day
November 27th: Occasional day (school closed)
December 4th: Festive Friday
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.

The Y6 Team