

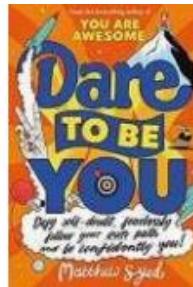
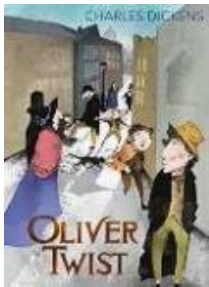
# Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Summer Term 2026

We hope you all had a good Spring break

## English

### Reading:

This term we will be revising for the reading comprehension paper by practising retrieval and inference questions through shorter extracts and texts. After this, our whole class reading will involve extracts from two books: 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens and 'Dare To Be You'.



Daily reading at home is expected and should be recorded on our Classroom board every morning.



### Writing:

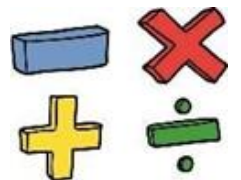
We will continue to embed the Essential Writing Curriculum this term, including genres such as narrative (based around our previous CUSP book, 'Skellig'), biography, an advocacy campaign, discussion and ending the Applecroft writing journey with a narrative piece based on 'The Final Year'. We will continue to develop composition and grammar skills in these lessons. Reading diverse and vocabulary rich texts will support children's writing with good models and ideas which they can use in their writing.

### Spelling:

Direct teaching of spelling will take place weekly using our 'Spelling Shed' program, and will include spelling rules, phonetic, morphemic and etymological exploration. Online Assignments will be set to complement these lessons, to be completed as part of the weekly home learning.

## Maths

We will continue to follow the Essential Maths programme. This term, we will be revisiting all topics. In the final term, we will move on to further maths units to support the transition to secondary school. Please help your child to practise and consolidate learning in home learning tasks.



## Art & Design



In this term's unit on **Sculpture**, we will look at how artists such as Henry Moore use drawing and figure studies to inform their sculptures. We will use clay to create our own abstract designs based on figures.

## Computing

This term we will cover two topics in Computing. The first is **Networks** where we will look at how computers communicate and connect effectively.



In our second topic, which is **Spreadsheets**, we will explore how data can be efficiently recorded and interrogated.

## Design Technology (DT)



In DT, our learning module is Textiles. We will explore the question - How can we reduce, recycle and repurpose?

## Geography

This term, Year 6 will conclude a comparison of three mountain regions from different parts of Europe and the Americas: The Lake District, Poland and Jamaica



## History



Our history topic is '**Five Monarchs**'. We will explore ideas of power and democracy through a study of William I, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Charles II and Queen Victoria. We will

compare and contrast the legacy of these monarchs.

## Leader in Me & The 8 Habits

We will continue to develop leadership in all our pupils and explore how the 8

Habits can support us to be proactive and effective learners and leaders. Children will continue to carry out their leadership roles in school each day.



## Modern Foreign Languages (MFL):



In French, we will be covering the '**Les Habitats**' topic and learning the language associated with habitats. We will be recapping on how to discuss the weather in French, learning the

vocabulary for different climates and habitats and how to talk about them.

## Music

This term we will develop **instrumental skills with tuned instruments**, learning piano keyboard skills and exploring musical notation.



## Physical Education (PE):

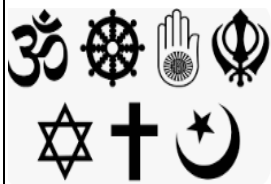


In PE, we will be focusing on **Rounders, Badminton, Cricket and Athletics**. Children should wear their PE kits to school on these days and should have sun protection.

## Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (PSHE):

We will start the summer term with our topic '**Living in the Wider World**', focusing on keeping safe and transition to a new school. Later in the term, our topic '**Health and Wellbeing**' will focus on changes at puberty.

## Religious Education (RE) & Worldviews:



This term we will be learning about Christianity. We will be exploring the idea of God and learning about different denominations of the church. We will be exploring the lives of the UK saints as well as exploring the role of the Pope.

## Science

The Science topic this term is **Evolution and Inheritance**, examining how living things have changed over time. We will investigate DNA, whether offspring are always identical to their parents, and the work of scientists Darwin and Wallace.



## Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)



Your children will be sitting the statutory tests for Key Stage 2 this term. SATs week is from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and will include tests in Maths, Reading and SPAG (spelling, punctuation, and grammar). Maths and Grammar revision books have been purchased by the school and we will support children to confidently approach the tests with practice papers and revision guides in the weeks leading up to the tests.

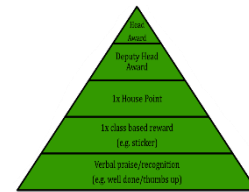
## Attendance & Punctuality:



Registration takes place promptly at 8.45am and the school day runs until 3.15pm. **Children should arrive from 8.35am** for a 'soft start'. Punctuality is important: **children arriving in class after 8.45am will be marked as late** in the register. If your child is absent, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Children are expected to attend school every day, unless they are unwell. 96%+ = good attendance. For more information please [visit the website](#).

## Behaviour & Discipline:

Our [Behaviour and Discipline](#) policy encourages positive, helpful and socially acceptable behaviour and children are aware of the school's behaviour expectations: to be responsible for yourself and your actions; to be honest, open and reflective; to be kind and supportive; to be respectful and well-mannered. In addition, both classes have created their own class mission statement to support this behaviour and their learning. The green triangle is used to recognise and reward positive behaviour and this system includes stickers, class rewards, house tokens and certificates. There are warnings and consequences for unsocial or anti-social behaviour which does not meet the behaviour expectations.



## Home Learning:



Home learning will be set on Google Classroom on Fridays and will be due the following Thursday. Home learning is set for Reading, Spelling (online assignment/s) and Maths.

**Please note:** in the first few weeks of the summer term your child may bring home revision based on the day's learning in class. They should only complete the short section set and revision books **must** return to school daily.

## Key Dates:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Class Photographs  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - 9am - Y6 Residential Information Meeting for Parents/Carers  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (one class) / Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (one class) - Y6 visit to WGC Library  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - INSET Day** (Parent Consultations for Years 1-5)  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Half Term Break**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Bikeability Level 3  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Residential Trip PGL  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Occasional Day**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Sports Day AM  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Open Afternoon  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Secondary Transition Day  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Rock Steady Summer Concerts  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 7pm - Y6 Leavers Assembly  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 9am - Y6 Leavers Assembly  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last Day of Term - 2pm Finish  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET Days**

## Safeguarding:

Should you have any concerns over a child's welfare please contact any of our DSLs via the school office. Our DSLs are Mrs Ruth Johnson, Mrs Lisa Withe, Mr Paul Wyatt, Ms Jale Apicella, Mrs Natalie Clementson, Mrs Carey O'Connor and Miss Eloise Yates. They can also be contacted via [safeguarding@applecroft.herts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@applecroft.herts.sch.uk). If urgent please contact the school office.

### Staffing in the Year Group:

Mrs O'Connor - Y6 Lead, Warhol Class Teacher and Upper KS2 Phase Leader

Mrs Boulton - Moore Class (Monday, Tuesday)

Mrs Brandon - Moore Class (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Mrs Parnham and Ms Syrett - Y6 LSAs

Mrs Wake/Mr Passade - PPA Teachers (Thursday pm)

### Timetable:

The timetable for the Summer Term includes PE on Tuesday and Thursday (both classes). On Thursday afternoon, the Year 6 teachers will have PPA time to plan and assess learning for the week and Mrs Wake and Mr Passade will be teaching RE and PE. Some subjects are blocked and taught twice weekly then rotated. There may be occasional variations to the timetable, for example when outside visitors attend.

### Uniform Expectations:

**School Uniform** should be worn daily and all items must be labelled. Long hair should be tied back and hair ties in school colours (red, black). Black school shoes, not trainers or boots. No nail varnish or jewellery is allowed other than a pair of small stud earrings.

**P.E kit:** White T-shirt and black shorts (no branded items). A plain black sweatshirt or joggers may be worn if the weather is cold. Trainers should be in school every day for the Daily Mile. PE kits should be worn to school on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** (both classes).

**A small pencil case** containing black writing pen (not ball point), pencil, eraser, sharpener, scissors, glue stick and protractor should be in school daily. Children will also need a small selection of colour pencils and a set of highlighters. A reading book from school or home should also be in school daily. Watercolour palettes, a brush and art pencils may be brought in optionally.



All stationery items are available in the school shop which is open each morning.

**Art shirts:** Please ensure your child has their own art shirt in school - to be kept in their locker.

### Communication:

Please contact us via email for non-urgent matters: [admin@applecroft.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@applecroft.herts.sch.uk)

For urgent matters, please contact the school office.