

Year Six
Curriculum News Autumn Term
September 2018



English

In **English**, we will be reading **Street Child** by **Berlie Doherty**. This book is set in Victorian times and gives the children an extra insight into this era. This book will support the children's development of writing in a range of genres and use of language, sentence structures and punctuation. When reading with the children we will emphasise how to use the P.E.E. (Point, Evidence, Explain) to make references to the text and give more detailed responses. Our grammar, punctuation and spelling work (GPS) will focus on the revision of word classes as well as making use of a range of punctuation.

Mathematics

In **Mathematics**, we will be looking at numbers to 10 million including negative numbers as well as covering the four main operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also cover fractions, decimals and percentages. Later on in the term we will look at measures including time. Lessons will include problem solving and reasoning. We will also take part in regular fluency and arithmetic activities.

Topic

This term we will be studying the **Victorians**, so please encourage your children to visit the library and read around the subject. We will explore what it was like living in the Victorian times and significant events and people during Queen Victoria's reign.



Science

Science this term will focus on Living things and their habitats. We will be studying endangered and extinct animals as part of this study.

PE

Merton PE will teach one lesson each week to Year 6 on a Monday in Sapphire and Tuesday in Quartz. They will cover the skills associated with Netball and Hockey. They will have opportunities to develop their own games using their skills and then progressing onto mini games. Their second weekly lesson is on a Friday and it will follow the Real P.E. scheme which focuses on the development of agility, balance and coordination, healthy competition and cooperative learning.

Spanish

Every week the children will be learning Spanish. They will be building on their existing speaking and listening understanding and then moving on to writing in Spanish.

Computing

Coding and programming will be taught throughout the year. The children will also use their computing skills to create a collection of connected slides using text, video and sound which link to their work on the brain and human body. We will also ensure that the children know how to stay safe when using the internet and will link this to our work on anti-bullying: using social media appropriately and responsibly.



RE

Our first unity of work is called 'The Journey of Life' and will explore rites of passage from across a range of faiths, including birth, marriage and death. In December we will learn about the Epiphany, which marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas and celebrates the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus.



PSHE

We will find out how to keep our body and brain healthy and will consider the effects of helpful and harmful drugs. We will think about 'peer pressure' and how this may affect the choices we make. We will also look at E-Safety and how to stay safe on and offline.



Homework

Homework is given out on a weekly basis. English and Maths homework will be set on a **Thursday** and collected in the following **Monday**. The children are to read daily and we have an expectation that they will read at least 5 times in a week. There will also be weekly spellings and mental maths homework set in addition to their English and Maths homework.

Year Six is an important year where all the children are given responsibility for a range of extra activities and events. During the coming weeks, the children will start to find out which **monitor roles** they will be taking on.



We are all looking forward to a full and fruitful term. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any problems or queries, either through the homework diary or via the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Mander, Miss Martin

Year 6 Dates and Events

Term	Trip/event
Autumn	Monitor roles assigned Tuesday 25 th September Year 6 SATS workshop and meet the teachers Thursday October 11 th Quartz Class Assembly Tuesday 16 th and Thursday 18 th October Parents Evening Harvest Festival October Half term Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October Thursday 8 th November Honeywood Museum Quartz Victorian Trip Friday 9 th November Honeywood Museum Sapphire Victorian Trip DT week Monday 12 th November creating their own Victorian Fairgrounds Friday 30 th November Victorian Day Thursday 20 th December Christmas Class Parties Friday 21 st December Break up for Christmas