



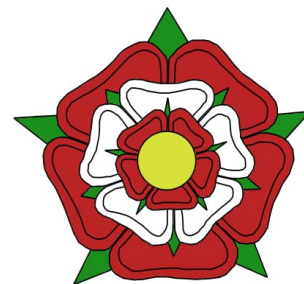
Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term – Half Term 1



Year 6 Curriculum

In **English** this half term, we will be looking at a range of texts inspired by our History topic – the Tudors. To kick start the term, we will explore newspaper article writing. As the term develops, the children will be given many opportunities to apply a variety of writing features.

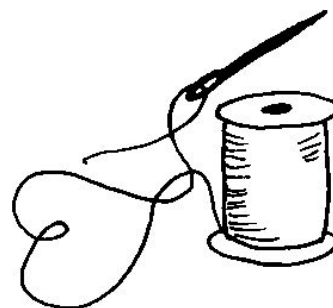


Decimal Place Value Chart													
Millions	Hundred Thousands	Ten Thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones	Decimal Part	Tenths	Hundredths	Thousandths	Ten-Thousandths	Hundred-Thousandths	Millionths
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Within **Maths**, the focus for this half term will be on place value to 10,000,000. We will be looking at mental and formal strategies using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), factors of numbers and prime numbers.

In **Science**, the children will learn to classify living things into broad groups based on observable characteristics, similarities and differences, giving reasons. This will include microorganisms, plants and animals.

We have a very exciting **DT** topic this half term – sewing! The children will be making further links to our Tudor topic and will be applying their sewing skills to make a Tudor cushion cover. The children will conduct existing product research, design their cover, sew and decorate their cushion cover and finally evaluate their final pieces.



In **Computing** this half term, during our ‘What is a Digital Device?’ topic, the children will learn about inputs, processes and outputs within a computer. We will be exploring the Raspberry Pi and looking at physical parts of a computer as well as the benefits of connecting devices on a network.

Within **RE**, the children will begin their studies by considering the core question “How do beliefs about life and death make a difference to the way people mark a person’s death?” We will then focus on Christianity and their beliefs about death for the

remainder of the half term. As part of this unit, we will visit a local church on Shenley Church End.

Within **PSHE** lessons, our Year 6 children will be focusing on emotions, naming and noticing them in themselves and others, as well as learning strategies to regulate them. We will also focus in particular on positive thinking.



Within **PE** this term, the key focus will be on football, netball and dance.

Hauksbee PE day - Tuesday & Wednesday

Parsons PE day - Wednesday and Friday

Finally, in **History** this half term, the children will study the Tudors and extend our understanding of chronology beyond 1066. We will focus on life in Tudor times and key events during this period, including the Battle of Bosworth and the dissolution of the monasteries.



A more comprehensive overview of what we will be covering can be found on our school website under Curriculum and then Knowledge Organisers. Please find the attached link:

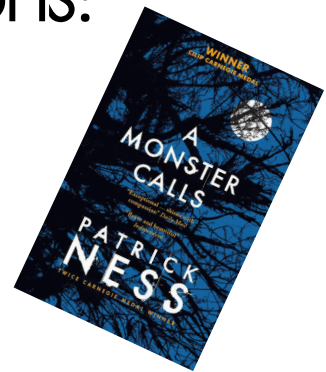
<https://www.haslett.org.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers>

Book Recommendations:

Mrs Knight:

I highly recommend this book about a boy named Conor O'Malley, who is facing some tough changes in his life. Just as he thinks things can not get any worse, he is visited by an ancient tree monster. The monster tells him 3 stories that will change his life forever. Be prepared

To laugh and cry as the tale unfolds.



Mrs Willison:

The Wolf Wilder is a fantastic adventure story set in the Russian wilderness. Feo and her mother are wolf wilders (the opposite of wolf tamers). When her mother is taken away by a cruel army general, Feo sets off on a dangerous journey to rescue her and protect her wolves... Katherine Rundell uses great vocabulary and has created some excellent characters!



How to support your child's learning at home:

As your child is now in Year 6, SATS are fast approaching and to ensure your child gets the most out of school, it would be great if you help them at home as well. This can be done through supporting them to complete their homework on [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk), [spag.com](https://www.spag.com) and TT Rock Stars each week, along with helping them practise their spellings.

It is important that you continue to listen to your child read and record your comments in their homework diaries. Whilst listening to your child read, focus on the new vocabulary they come across, but also question their understanding of the text - can they find an answer within the text? Can they use the text to help support an idea or an answer to a question you have asked?

Lastly, one of the most crucial factors when supporting your child's learning is to ensure they attend school. Regular attendance results in accelerated progress.

Key reminders:

- Hauksbee's PE days are Tuesday & Wednesday and Parson's are Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure that they arrive in school in the correct PE kit on their PE days.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and is due back every Wednesday - this will include Maths and SPAG online.
- Spellings will be given out every Friday and children will be tested on the following Friday.
- Children will be tested on their maths target every Friday. A new target will be sent home each half term.
- TT Rockstars - 15 garage games to be completed by Thursday each week.
- We expect the children to read 20 minutes at least 5 times a week and have this signed off by a parent in their homework diaries.

Dates for your diaries:

Wednesday 24th September - Year 6 Meet the Teacher

WC 14th September - Irthlingborough Year 6 Residential

WC 21st September - Booster interventions to start for some children.

Thursday 8th October - Hello Yellow Day

Thursday 15th October - Y5&6 Puberty Talk

Monday 19th October - Year 6 Tudor Day

Thursday 22nd October - Break up for half term

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Knight, Mrs Willison, Mrs Noon and Mrs Critchlow
The Year 6 Team.