



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Spring A



Our topics for this half term are:

The Amazon, The Circulatory System and we will study the book, The Explorer.

In class, we will be reading *The Explorer* from which the children will have the opportunity to write a narrative based around the opening chapter of the book.

We will also be looking at persuasive writing and using this technique to create a leaflet, promoting a Boat Cruise down the Amazon River.

SPAG

We will continue revisiting grammar terms previously taught but broaden our knowledge to include articles, determiners, embedded and relative clauses, suffixes and prefixes and the present perfect tense. Discrete spelling lessons will take place using the Spelling Shed scheme and children should be accessing spelling games on Spelling Shed at home.

Reading

Books read in English will continue to test our comprehension and expand our vocabulary knowledge. Reading for mastery sessions will ensure a range of different genres are being read.

Maths

In maths, we will be expanding on our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and how these all link together. We will learn to find percentages of amounts and apply this knowledge through problem solving. This half term we will also learn about ratio and proportion and be able to solve problems. We will also begin to look at algebra – learning how numbers can be substituted for letters or symbols and learn how to solve problems with 2 unknowns.

This half term our KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) are:

Mentally find simple fractions of an amount by dividing by denominator and multiply by numerator. $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{2}{3}$ etc.

Mentally find 1, 10 and 50% of a number.

Please follow this link to our website with further ideas on how you can help your child practise these instant recall facts at home. ***Click here for further support with Maths @ Moorlands***

Science

In our new topic on the Circulatory system, we will look at the function of the heart and lungs, as well as the blood, in its role of providing oxygen to the body. The children will take part in practical activities to solidify their understanding of this.

Foundation Subjects

ART – Pupils will be exploring identity in art and how it can affect an artist's work. The children will work on drawing self-portraits before using this learning to create a layered portrait.

RSHE – This half term, in RSHE, we will look at internet and mobile phone safety and mental well-being.

COMPUTING – Pupils will be using the coding software 'scratch' to learn about adding variables into their own programming. They will create their own games which include variables such as score boards.

P.E. – This half term children will take part in Gymnastics and Basketball.

GEOGRAPHY – The children will be learning about the Amazon and finding out about the geographical features of that area. They will find out about the Amazon region of South America, considering what it is like to live in the region as well as how it is being damaged and how it can be protected.

Reminders

Homework will be assigned and to be returned on: 6T Mondays, 6C Tuesdays, 6S Thursdays. This will be practise of key skills taught that week in school. Your child will bring home a maths homework practise book and a grammar practise sheet each week. There will also be weekly spellings sent home to learn, that will be tested in school the following week. We encourage the children to practise their spellings on Edshed, using the Spelling Bee programme. Please contact your class teacher if you need a new log in sending home. Times tables are to be rehearsed on Times Table Rockstars www.ttrockstars.com

The recommendation is that children should be reading for 20 minutes each day. Reading books can be changed whenever the child has finished their book. All children will be issued with a book relevant to our reading scheme in school. They will also have the opportunity to select a book of their choice from the class and school libraries. Please spend some time discussing with your child, the texts that they read at home. This will support them when answering comprehension questions on a text and with their understanding of inference.

Children must have a labelled PE kit that remains in school. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure your children can remove the earrings independently or provide them with tape to apply.

P.E. lessons – 6C: Tuesday and Wednesday 6S: Wednesday and Thursday 6T: Wednesday and Friday

Note – If your child would like to play on the field and grassed areas around the school grounds at breaktimes, please send them in with named wellies

Contact Details

Class email addresses for the teachers are below should you need to send a message:

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Emails may not be checked on a daily basis, therefore contact the School Office on 01484 655800 if there is an urgent query..

Important Dates

School finishes for half term Thursday 12th February 2026

School Disco Thursday 12th February 2026

INSET day Friday 13th February 2026

SATS Parent information evening – Thursday 26th February 2026. More information to follow

