

# Year 6 Autumn Term Learning



## English:

In writing, our focus will be on the novel *Goodnight Mr Tom* by Michelle Magorian. The children will be writing detailed character and setting descriptions with a focus on igniting the imagination if the reader. The children will be learning to use verbs that are ambitious and impact the reader, using a greater range of punctuation in their writing, such as colons and semi colons and learning to use parenthesis to add further detail to their sentences. The children will also be writing formal and informal letters, learning about the differences between the active and passive voice and the impact their language choices can have on a reader. In reading, we will focus on scanning for key information, developing an understating of how to 'read between the lines' and infer information will also increasing the speed and fluency which children can summarise a text.

## Maths:

Our learning in maths for the first term will focus on number and the children's ability to work with speed, confidence and accuracy. We will focus on the four operations challenging the children to extend their understand and ability to solve challenging long division and multiplication questions. We will also work with fractions, decimals and percentages using the four operations to solve fraction problems, finding percentages of amounts and looking at the link between the three.

## Topic:

We will be covering a plethora of topics during our first term. In History (and linking in with English) the children will be learning about World War 2. There will be a focus on how the war impacted on people at home and a look at the significant events such as the Blitz and Dunkirk. In Science, the children will be learning about living things. They will be classifying animals, finding out about micro-organisms and the botanist, Carl Linnaeus. The children will also complete a DT project on architecture, focus the musical genre of pop in Music and the importance of being a positive digital citizen in Computing.

## Other information:

PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for this session, as PE is a crucial part of the national curriculum. As the weather turns colder, some warmer clothes would be advisable as PE will usually take place outside.

Homework will be handed out week. Most weeks this will consist of a piece of maths and grammar homework alongside the weekly spellings. The spelling tests takes place on a Friday.

## How can I help:

Reading with your child is still very important in Year 6. Even a few minutes of reading is beneficial, with reading skills being so important across the curriculum. Please encourage your child to complete any homework that they receive. If they don't have time to do it at home, they are more than welcome to come to complete their homework in school after they have eaten their lunch.

Useful websites:

- <https://uk.ixl.com/>
- <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zsgkwmn/resources/1>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zryycdm>

# Year 6 Suggested Reading List



Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Forgotten Voices of the Second World War	Max Arthur
The Diamond of Drury Lane	Julia Golding
Framed	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt
<b>Noughts and Crosses</b>	<b>Malorie Blackman</b>
Knife Edge	Malorie Blackman
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$	Sue Townsend
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve
Clockwork	Philip Pullman
Dragon Keeper	Carole Wilkinson
<b>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</b>	<b>Mark Haddon</b>
Wizard of Oz	F Baum
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
The Railway Children	E Nesbit
The Borrowers	M Norton
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain
My Story series	Various authors
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Ed. Otto H Frank
<b>Boy Overboard</b>	<b>Morris Gleitzman</b>
Sabriel	Garth Nix
<b>Ways to Live Forever</b>	<b>Sally Nichols</b>
<b>The Last Wild</b>	<b>Piers Torday</b>
<b>The Dark Wild</b>	<b>Piers Torday</b>
There's a Boy in The Girl's Bathroom	Louis Sachar
An Island of Our Own	Sally Nichols
<b>Between Shades of Gray</b>	<b>Ruta Sepetys</b>
The 1000 Year old Boy	Ross Welford
What to do if You Turn Invisible	Ross Welford
<b>Salt to The Sea</b>	<b>Ruta Sepetys</b>
<b>Counting by 7's</b>	<b>Holly Goldberg Sloan</b>
Mike	Andrew Morriss



## English

Autumn: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian.  
Non-fiction writing on other topic work.

Spring: Fiction and non-fiction writing on Dead Man's Cove by Lauren St John. Non-fiction writing on other topic work.

Summer: Fiction and non-fiction writing based on Holes by Louis Sachar

## Maths

Autumn: All aspects of Year 6 maths curriculum

Spring: Review of the KS2 maths curriculum

Summer: Mastery of Maths: Famous mathematical discoveries and group maths challenges

## Physical Education

Autumn: Athletics, skipping, personal best, football, basketball, netball, rugby

Spring: Dance, gymnastics, athletics

Summer: Racket sports, cricket, rounders

## Science

Autumn: Living things and their habitats

Spring: Light and Electricity

Summer: , Evolution and Inheritance

## History

Autumn: WW2

Spring: The British Parliament: past, present and future

Summer: A study of a non-European society: The Egyptians

## Geography

Autumn: Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Spring: Locational Knowledge and using an 8 point compass

Summer: North America

## Art & DT

Autumn: DT in the world: Architecture

Spring: Cubism & sculpture

Summer: DT construction: architecture textiles

## Religious Education

Autumn: Harvest, Christmas

Spring: Easter & Sikhism

Summer: Islam

## Music

Autumn: Popular Music

Spring: Classroom Jazz

Summer: BBC 10 Pieces & Summer Performances

## Computing

Autumn: E-safety, Programming and Algorithms

Summer: Multi-media presentations

## Languages

Autumn: Spanish: sports, hobbies and interests

Summer: Visit Mexico!