

# Year 6 Summer Term Learning



## English:

In writing, our focus will be on the novel *Holes*, by Louis Sachar. Initially, the children will be writing reviews of the opening chapters of the book, comparing the novel to the opening scene of the film and writing a review of that too. They will be learning to create titles with engaging puns, using hyperbole and commands to direct the reader. The children will then write persuasive speeches from the perspective of key characters within the novel before the children have the chance to conduct 'interviews' with them. They will be learning the art of asking open questions that elicit an illuminating response from the interviewee. This will help us understand the characters in the novel with greater depth. The children will then learn to write adverts before finishing the term with some narrative writing; creating a play script from key events in the novel.

## Maths:

This term, the children, in preparation for secondary school, will be revising elements of the Year 6 mathematics curriculum to embed key concepts and ideas. The children will be learning how to solve ratio and proportion problems, will be learning to work at speed and with accuracy to solve both mental and formal written calculations, revisiting elements of shape and space while also conducting some more investigative style lessons involving a range of mathematical disciplines.

## Topic:

In Science this term, the children will be learning about light. They will focus on how shadows are made and how the length of a shadow can be related to the distance an object is to a light source. To investigate this, they will be making their own puppets. The children will also learn about how light can be reflected and what uses there are for this in the real world. In Art, the children will be learning about folk art. They will be designing and making their own ceramic tile and their own flower pot using ceramic paint. In Computing, the children are learning how to use Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, and will create and present their own presentations on either the Benin or Incan empires.

## 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