

# Year 6 Autumn Term Learning



## English:

In writing, our focus will be on the novel *Dead Man's Cove* by Lauren St John. The children will be writing detailed character and setting descriptions with a focus on integrating this description into narrative writing for purpose. Writing diaries from the perspective of different characters in the novel, the children will also learn to alter the formality of their language and make use a range of grammatical features, such as brackets, for purpose. Furthermore, the children will learn to use a range of sentence types and conjunctions to add variation and cohesion to their writing. We will also focus on persuasive writing: the children will learn to use features such as rhetorical questions, hyperbole, alliteration and repetition. Finally, the children will write their own mystery stories creating a setting, characters and plot; using suspense, hidden information and clues to submerge their reader in the story.

## 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 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 Wednesday 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 every week. Most weeks this will consist of a piece of maths and grammar homework alongside the weekly spellings. The spelling test 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>



## English

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

Spring: Fiction and non-fiction writing based on The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo

Summer: Fiction and non-fiction writing on Holes by Louis Sachar. Non-fiction writing on other topic work.

## 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: Climbing, Football, Rugby, Futsal, Hockey and Bikeability

Spring: Climbing, Netball, Basketball, Dodgeball, Handball and Bikeability

Summer: Climbing, Athletics, Cricket, Rounders and Bikeability

## Science

Autumn: Living things and their habitats

Spring: Light, Electricity & the human circulatory system

Summer: , Evolution and Inheritance

## History

Autumn: WW2

Spring: The Egyptians

Summer: A study of a non-European society.

## Geography

Autumn: Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Spring: Comparison UK, Europe and Americas and using an 8-point compass

Summer: Local geographical study

## Art & DT

Autumn: DT in the world: Architecture

Spring: Cubism & Figurative art

Summer: DT construction, marionette puppets

## Religious Education

Autumn: What do people believe about life?

Spring: How do we make moral choices?

Summer: What is important to me?

## Music

Autumn: Popular Music

Spring: Classroom Jazz

Summer: BBC 10 Pieces & Summer Performances

## Computing

Autumn: E-safety, Programming and Algorithms

Spring: Writing and debugging algorithms

Summer: Multi-media presentations

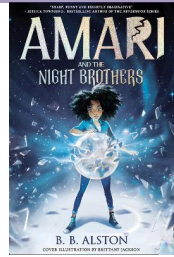
## Languages—Spanish

Autumn: Spanish: sports, hobbies and interests

Spring: Our World

Summer: Holidays

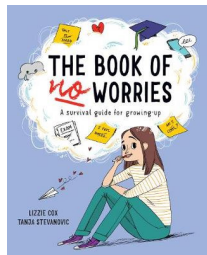
# Recommended Reads for Year 6 at Bishop Road



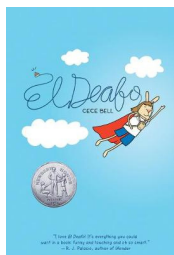
**Amari and the Night Brothers**  
BB Alston



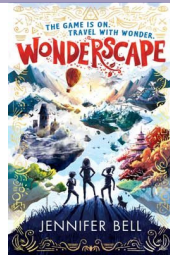
**A Kind of Spark**  
Elle McNicoll



**The Book of No Worries**  
Lizzie Cox



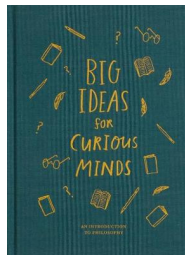
**El Deafo**  
Cece Bell



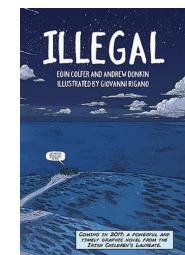
**Wonderscape**  
Jennifer Bell



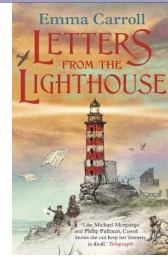
**Tom's Midnight Garden**  
Philippa Pearce



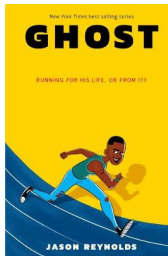
**Big Ideas for Curious Minds**  
Anna Doherty



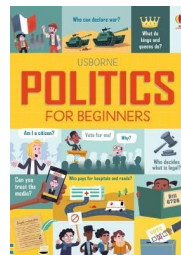
**Illegal**  
Eoin Colfer



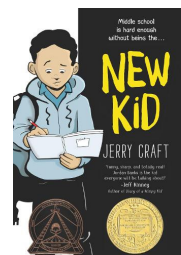
**Letters from the Lighthouse**  
Emma Carroll



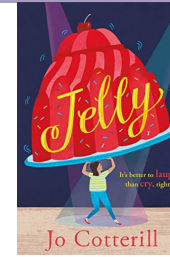
**Ghost**  
Jason Reynolds



**Politics for Beginners**  
Alex Frith



**New Kid**  
Jerry Craft



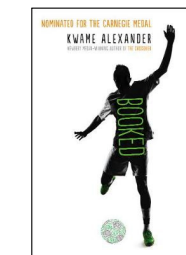
**Jelly**  
Jo Cotterill



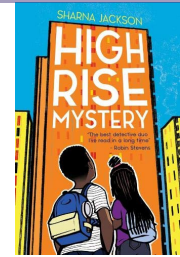
**The Explorer**  
Katherine Rundell



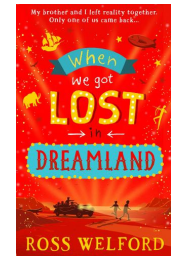
**Great Adventurers**  
Alastair Humphrey



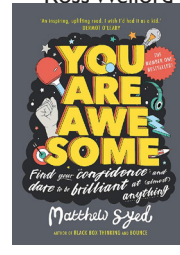
**Booked**  
Kwame Alexander



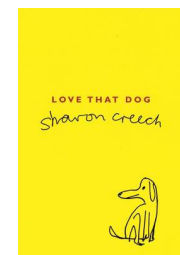
**High Rise Mystery**  
Sharna Jackson



**When We Got Lost in Dreamland**  
Ross Welford



**You Are Awesome**  
Matthew Syed



**Love That Dog**  
Sharon Creech

POETRY

FICTION

NON - FICTION

GRAPHIC NOVELS