

# Year 6 Spring Term Learning



## English:

Our stimulus for writing this term will be *The Other Side of Truth* by Beverly Naidoo. The children will be writing diary entries, letters, narratives and information texts inspired by the novel. Children will be taught how to integrate description into a narrative and using extended metaphors to create a vivid picture for the reader. The children will also learn to write newspaper reports and the difference between reported and direct speech while also creating balanced and discursive arguments too, learning to use relative clauses and multi-clause sentences to create cohesion. In reading, the children will be refining their ability to interpret texts in greater detail and answer questions where they must infer information based on clues in the text, using specific and detailed evidence to support their ideas.

## Maths:

Our learning in maths in Term 3 & 4 will focus on using all of the number, shape, angle, data interpretation and algebra knowledge (among others) they have been perfecting over the year in order to answer a range of reasoning problems that require them to use this knowledge in a series of different ways. They will be practising this in as many different ways as possible in order to 'master' the curriculum and solve a plethora of interesting yet challenging questions, using all they have learnt in a real world context.

## Topic:

In history, we will be exploring Ancient Egypt: the children will learn about some of the pharaohs of the time, the Pyramids and the Egyptian's way of life and beliefs. In RE, children will be looking at morality in relation to faith, where the children will learn about how God helps inform the moral choices certain faith groups make. In Science, children will be learning about electricity, creating their own circuits and understanding the difference between series and parallel circuits while also conducting experiments to test how increased cells have an impact on how the components in a circuit function. Finally, the children will be learning about abstract art and collage through the work of Gustav Klimt and Pablo Picasso.

## 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 Friday. Most weeks this will consist of a piece of maths and grammar homework alongside the weekly spellings. The spelling tests take place on a Friday; the spelling list can be found on the Year 6 page of the website.

## How can I help:

As we approach the end of the year, it is incredibly important that children are beginning to prepare for their transition to secondary school. As a result, helping children to complete their homework on time is vitally important as the frequency and amount will increase when they reach Year 7 and preparation for this shift and developing their independent organisational skills will be incredibly beneficial. Equally, reading with your children is still very important in Year 6. Developing a love of reading supports children across the curriculum, not just in reading comprehension activities. We suggest reading with your children as often as possible, but a minimum of 3 times a week will help support them in developing fluency and comprehension.



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

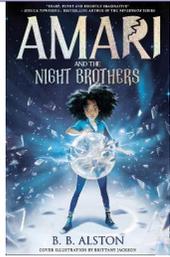
Autumn: Spanish: sports, hobbies and interests

Spring: Our World

Summer: Holidays

# Recommended Reads for Year 6 at Bishop Road

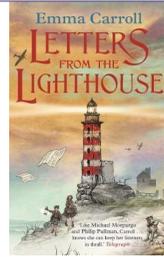
FICTION



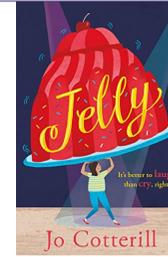
**Amari and the Night Brothers**  
BB Alston



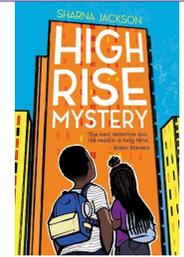
**Wonderscape**  
Jennifer Bell



**Letters from the Lighthouse**  
Emma Carroll



**Jelly**  
Jo Cotterill



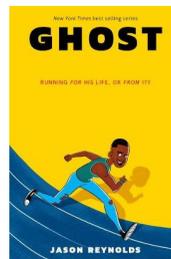
**High Rise Mystery**  
Sharna Jackson



**A Kind of Spark**  
Elle McNicoll



**Tom's Midnight Garden**  
Philippa Pearce



**Ghost**  
Jason Reynolds



**The Explorer**  
Katherine Rundell

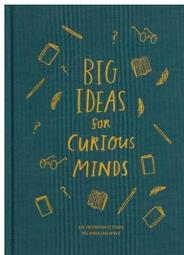


**When We Got Lost in Dreamland**  
Ross Welford

NON - FICTION



**The Book of No Worries**  
Lizzie Cox



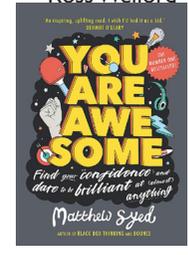
**Big Ideas for Curious Minds**  
Anna Doherty



**Politics for Beginners**  
Alex Frith

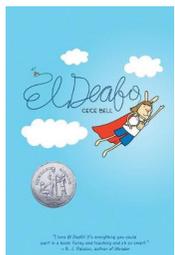


**Great Adventurers**  
Alastair Humphrey

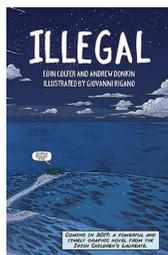


**You Are Awesome**  
Matthew Syed

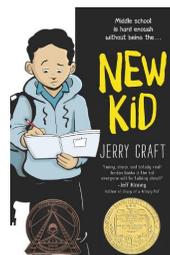
GRAPHIC NOVELS



**El Deafo**  
Cece Bell

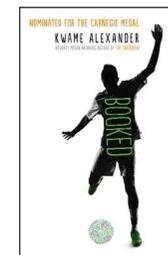


**Illegal**  
Eoin Colfer



**New Kid**  
Jerry Craft

POETRY



**Booked**  
Kwame Alexander



**Love That Dog**  
Sharon Creech