

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:

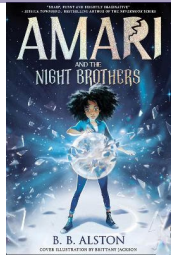
Reading with your child is still very important in Year 6. Even a few minutes of reading is beneficial, with reading skills being so important across the curriculum. Please encourage your child to complete any homework that they receive. If they don't have time to do it at home, they are more than welcome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

Useful websites:

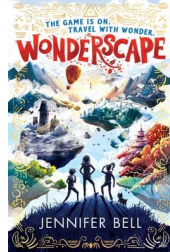
- <https://uk.ixl.com/>
- <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zsgkwmn/resources/1>
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Recommended Reads for Year 6 at Bishop Road

FICTION

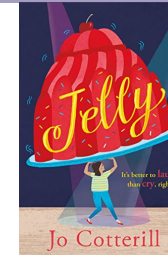


Amari and the Night Brothers
BB Alston



Wonderscape
Jennifer Bell

Letters from the Lighthouse
Emma Carroll

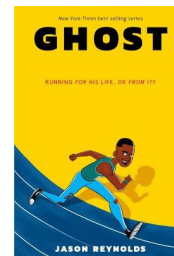


Jelly
Jo Cotterill

High Rise Mystery
Sharna Jackson

A Kind of Spark
Elle McNicoll

Tom's Midnight Garden
Philippa Pearce



Ghost
Jason Reynolds

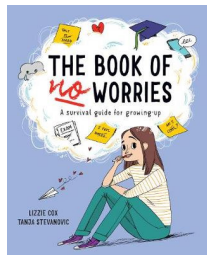


The Explorer
Katherine Rundell

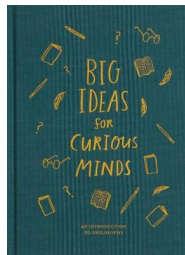


When We Got Lost in Dreamland
Ross Welford

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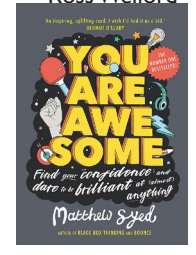
The Book of No Worries
Lizzie Cox



Big Ideas for Curious Minds
Anna Doherty

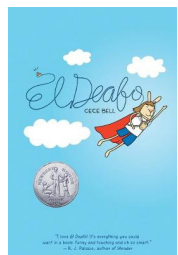
Politics for Beginners
Alex Frith

Great Adventurers
Alastair Humphrey

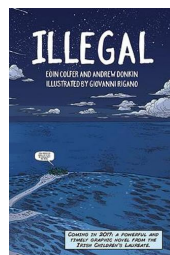


You Are Awesome
Matthew Syed

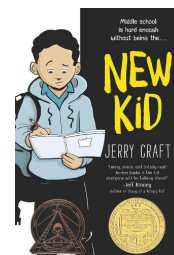
GRAPHIC NOVELS



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Cece Bell

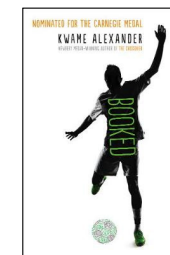


Illegal
Eoin Colfer

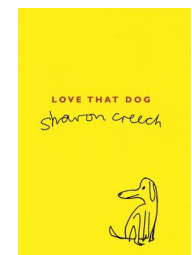


New Kid
Jerry Craft

POETRY



Booked
Kwame Alexander



Love That Dog
Sharon Creech