

# 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: Writing based on Dead Man's Cove.

Spring: Writing based on The Other Side of Truth.

Summer: Writing based on Holes and Shakespeare.

Science

Autumn: Living Things and their habitats, Electricity.

Spring: Light

Summer: Animals including humans, Evolution and inheritance

Religious Education

Autumn: What do people believe about life?

Spring: How do we make moral choices?

Summer: What is important to me?

Maths

Autumn: Place value, four operations(+ - x ÷), fractions, shapes.

Spring: Place value, four operations, measure, time, shapes, fractions, money.

Summer: Four operations, fractions, shapes, measure, statistics.

History

Autumn: World War II

Spring: Ancient Egypt

Summer: Archaeology

Music

Autumn: Happy

Spring: Classroom Jazz

Summer: BBC 10 pieces

Physical Education

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

Spring: Dance, gymnastics, athletics

Summer: Racket sports, cricket, rounders

Geography

Autumn: Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Spring: Comparison of UK, Europe and the Americas.

Summer: Geography Field Study

Art

Autumn: -

Spring: Cubism

Summer: Sculpture

D.T.

Autumn: Sustainability

Spring: Architecture

Summer: Puppets

Computing

Autumn: Digital literacy: exploring AI ethics.

Spring: Computer programming: iterative processes in coding.

Summer: Information technology: document production and collaborative tools.

Growth and Reflection

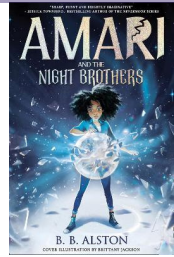
Autumn: Boundaries and saying no

Spring: Good touch and bad touch, anti bullying

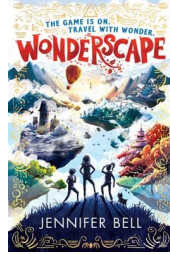
Summer: Transition, Jobs and careers.

# Recommended Reads for Year 6 at Bishop Road

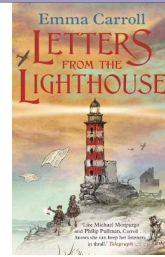
FICTION



**Amari and the Night Brothers**  
BB Alston



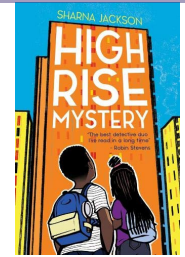
**Wonderscape**  
Jennifer Bell



**Letters from the Lighthouse**  
Emma Carroll



**Jelly**  
Jo Cotterill



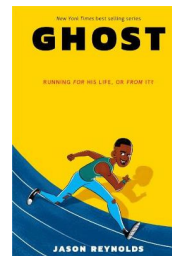
**High Rise Mystery**  
Sharna Jackson



**A Kind of Spark**  
Elle McNicoll



**Tom's Midnight Garden**  
Philippa Pearce



**Ghost**  
Jason Reynolds

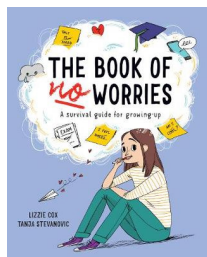


**The Explorer**  
Katherine Rundell

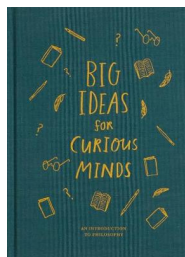


**When We Got Lost in Dreamland**  
Ross Welford

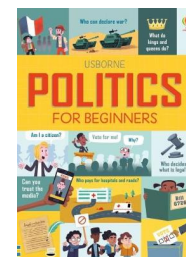
NON - FICTION



**The Book of No Worries**  
Lizzie Cox



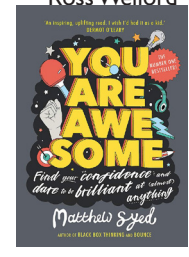
**Big Ideas for Curious Minds**  
Anna Doherty



**Politics for Beginners**  
Alex Frith

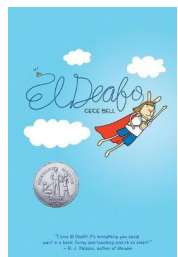


**Great Adventurers**  
Alastair Humphrey

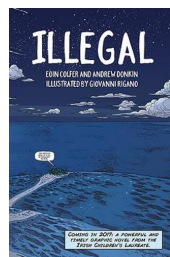


**You Are Awesome**  
Matthew Syed

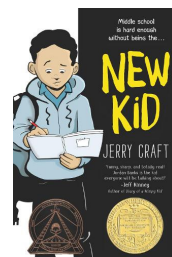
GRAPHIC NOVELS



**El Deafo**  
Cece Bell

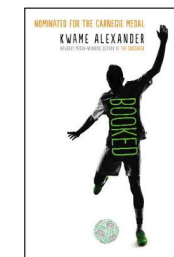


**Illegal**  
Eoin Colfer

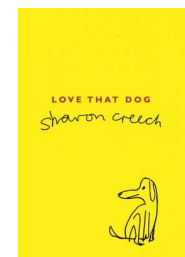


**New Kid**  
Jerry Craft

POETRY



**Booked**  
Kwame Alexander



**Love That Dog**  
Sharon Creech