



# Year 6 Newsletter

## Autumn 2—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

Please ensure:

- Five reads are completed at home as a priority for home learning;
- Also, please ensure times tables are practised daily;
- Water bottles only contain water;
- Jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled;
- Long hair is tied back.

### Reading

This term, we will continue to share 'The Giver' by Lois Lowry. This book sets out with the intentions of describing a 'utopia' but throughout the novel, we find that the community could be described as a 'dystopia'. Children have opportunities to listen to their teacher and peers read as well as reading independently. Throughout the lessons, we discuss key vocabulary and questions that improve their understanding of the text.



### Writing

This term, we are continuing our journey with Talk for Writing. Our first focus will be on information writing and the children will be creating their own non-fiction text about an imaginary creature. We will then move onto another non-fiction unit and a poem. Across these texts, the children will learn how to use more sophisticated punctuation such as semi-colons and how to write with different levels of formality.



### Key dates

Mon 30th October at 5pm - Online Teams meeting re Year 6 residential

Tues 31st October - deadline for secondary school applications

27 - 29th November - Yr 6 residential to Hindleap Warren

Mon 4th December 9am - Rocksteady concert for parents of children who have Rocksteady lessons

*CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 18th December to Monday 1st January*

Back to school - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

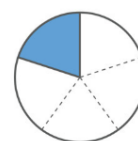
*INSET DAY - Monday 15th January 2024*

*INSET DAY - Thursday 28th March 2024*

*Further dates will be added in due course.*

### Maths

This term, we will delve into the world of fractions. The children will learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide various fractions, as well as find fractions of amounts. We will also be learning how to convert between and calculate different units of measurement.



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## Science

In science this term, we will be learning about how the human heart works and the circulation system. We will look at the impact of diet, exercise and drugs on the body. We will also be working like scientists to carry out investigations to measure how the heartbeat changes throughout a day at school.



## History

We will continue learning about the time of Hitler's power. This half term, lessons will include Nazi concentration camps, their occupation of other countries, the *Resistance* to Nazi rule and how WW2 came to an end. Year 6 will consolidate their learning by writing a final report to answer the big question: How did Adolf Hitler rise to power?



## Art

In Art, we will be painting self-portraits in differing styles. We will use our knowledge of colour theory to mix colours, shades and tones. We will study the work of Picasso and his artistic style of Cubism and then paint self-portraits in the style of Picasso. We will then study various pieces of art by Barbara Kruger and create a second self-portrait using mixed media.



## PE

In PE this term, we will be exploring dance, with a particular focus on the 'Haka' which is performed by the All Blacks. After learning about the origins of the dance and its original purpose, the children will learn the moves and the song. Finally, they will have an opportunity to choreograph their own 'Haka' performance.



## RE

In RE, we will be learning all about Sikhism in Autumn 2. The children will learn all about the beliefs of a Sikh, the history of the religion and what rituals are in place in everyday practice for a Sikh. We will explore what a Gurdwara is and the importance of the temple to the religion.

There will be an opportunity to learn about the 5 Ks of Sikhism and the symbolism of each of these practices.



## PSHE

We will continue to look at how we can keep healthy as we grow by focusing on how legal and illegal drugs can affect our health. We will then be moving on to look at how the media can influence people. This will include self-worth, why the media isn't always accurate, how the media can impact our self-image and how we can keep safe online.



## Homework

Weekly homework is sent home on a Friday. It will be either a piece of maths or English.

Please ensure your child reads at least five times a week and regularly uses Times Table Rockstars – their logins are stuck in their reading diaries.

There will also be half-termly topic homework.

## Suggested books for reading

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-6/>

