



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first curriculum newsletter of the new school year. Here you will find details of the learning your children will be undertaking during the first term of the year, along with some other key information.

We are very excited to be welcoming your children into Year 6. They have adapted well to our new daily routines.

Doors will open at 8:35 and close at 8:45. We will start teaching promptly at 8:50. To avoid missing any learning, we would appreciate you help in ensuring the children are in school on time.

PE & Games

Children will take part in the Daily Mile every day and have PE lessons on the following days:

Monday - with class teacher
Tuesday - Outdoor PE with Mr Sands

PE kit needs to come into school with your child on a Monday and be taken home every week on a Friday. Please can all items have your child's name in it.

Indoor kit - black plimsolls, plain black shorts and house coloured t shirt/white t-shirt

Outdoor kit - plain black sweatshirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings (shorts can be worn in the warmer weather) and trainers

We will be going outside for P.E all year. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has the correct kit.

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Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Science	Electricity	Light
History	-	What was the impact of WW2?
Geography	How does my continent compare to the Americas?	
Art	-	What is impressionism? Who is surrealism?
DT	Electrical systems: Alarm circuits	-
RE	Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?	Why do some people believe in God and some not?
PE	Real PE: Personal skills (ball skills) Tag rugby	Real PE - social skills (balance) Basketball
Computing	E -safety We are online safety ambassadors	We are computational thinkers
Music	Pulse	Voice
French	Phonics / Clothes VIPs	School
PHSE	Relationships	Safety First

Maths

This term we are focusing on place value, number, calculation, fractions and geometry (position and direction). Where needed, we will be revising skills learnt last year. The children all have a login for TT Rockstars to keep practising times tables facts and increase speed of recall. Please encourage your child to use this at home at least three times weekly.

English

This term we are starting the year looking at a book called 'Door' and writing our own version inspired by this. Over the term, we will be writing a non-chronological report linked to our geography work. We will be reading the Neil Gaiman version of Hansel and Gretel and writing a narrative based on this. We will also be reading 'A Christmas Carol' and writing persuasive letters from this.

Science Electricity

This half term, we will investigate circuits and associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. We will compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. We will use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram. We will work scientifically by systematically identifying the effect of changing one component at a time in a circuit. We will also design and make a set of traffic lights, a burglar alarm or some other useful circuit.

Light

Next half term, we will use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them and to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. We will be able to explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes. Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. We will explore the way that light behaves, including light sources, reflection and shadows.

History – What effect did WW2 have on Hugglescote?

This term we will be learning about how and why World War Two began, explaining the main reason. We will find out about the Blitz and why it was so important. We will find out about the impact of WW2 on people in Hugglescote, especially children. We will look at the local areas of Leicestershire that were bombed and the impact this had. We will know the impact of the war on women including how their role changed throughout this time. To support our learning in this topic, we will be visiting Beaumanor Hall for a WW2 day, dressing up and experiencing life as evacuees.

Geography – How does my continent compare to the Americas?

This half term, we are using atlases and learning what a continent is, the countries in North and South America as well as capital cities. We will be learning about the different climates and biomes, and longitude and latitude. We will be examining the physical and human geographical features Americas and compare this to our locality by carrying out fieldwork. Finally, we will learn about the ancient and modern wonders of the world as well as natural wonders of the Americas.



Art - What is impressionism? What is surrealism?

In art, we will be exploring different artworks from a range of times and cultures and use elements of these to create our own artworks. We will be learning about great artists in history and explaining the significance of artworks from a range of times and cultures.

We will be learning how to improve brush techniques and to use colour palettes and characteristics of an artistic movement. We will explore how light changes the appearance of objects during a day as well as how the shadow effect *effets de soir*.



DT – Electrical systems

This half term, the children will use their knowledge of electricity from science lessons to construct an electrical alarm system. They will research and plan their alarm design as well as investigating different types of switches that could be used.

Home Learning

- Sats Companion: a weekly maths and English task will be set each Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.
- TT Rockstars
- Reading - We expect that the children read **at least 4 times a week** at home. The more your child reads the better.
- Spelling Shed - a weekly assignment will be set to practice 5 games at home.

We will be holding a weekly lunchtime home learning club each Thursday for children who would like some extra support or for those children who have not completed their tasks at home.

Independence

Now the children have moved into upper key stage 2 we will be actively encouraging them to develop their independence, as they are now the oldest in the school and becoming role models for the younger children.

This independence will also prepare them for Year 6 and Secondary school.

Educational Visits this term

- Warning Zone: Wednesday 11th September
- Geography local walk to Kelham Bridge Nature Reserve
 - 2ZN Tuesday 24th September
 - 2JN Thursday 26th September
- Beaumanor Hall World War Two day: Wednesday 30th October

Our relationship with you

Should you have any queries relating to your child, homework or school, please do not hesitate to contact us via the home contact book, school office or Weduc.

We will take every opportunity to speak with you as soon as possible - Please note though that we will be unable to reply to any messages sent at the weekend until the Monday. Messages sent in the evening may not get seen until the next day. If it is important and you need to speak to us, please contact the office. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Parents evening will be 8th and 10th October.

Mr Nash and Mrs North