

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1

Welcome Back!

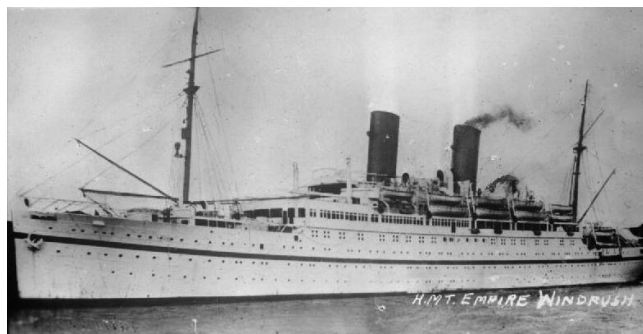
We hope you have all had a restful summer holiday and are ready for the new academic year in Year 6! We have many exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term. Read on to find out more!

History

During our history enquiry, we will be exploring the theme of migration through time and answering our enquiry question by going back in time:

It's 1948. Why come to Britain?

The enquiry will focus on the Windrush Generation and we will look at sources such as photos, posters and personal stories to find out why they came and what life was like when they arrived. We will be creating our own persuasive advert using our choice of media (TV ad, magazine article or interactive brochure) to invite potential migrants from the Caribbean to start a new life in Britain, giving compelling reasons why they should.



Key dates and information:

- Secondary school choices parent meeting – Tuesday 22nd September 2026
- Wear Red Day – Friday 16th October 2026

Trips this half term:

- London Transport Museum TBC
- Rap School visit TBC

PE

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. All items of clothing should be clearly named, including school uniform.

Year 6 have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays this half term.

OUR CURRICULUM

English

Our core text this half term is *Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties* by Humza Arshad and Henry White. We will be writing a character description from Auntie Usma's perspective about key students who need to be neutralised. We will also be writing a letter of threat and a performance poem.



Maths

In maths this half term, we will be looking at place value and number, with a focus on applying methods for solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. We will also be using investigations and mastery challenges to help us apply our maths learning in real life contexts. Please ensure that you learn and practise all of your times tables on a regular basis.

Science

During science this half term we will be learning about The Human Body. We are very much looking forward to learning all about how our bodies work, starting with the circulatory system. As well as learning about how blood is pumped around the body, we will be looking at what our blood is made up of and the jobs of the different cells found in our blood.



Something we can really look forward to is our workshop where we will explore real hearts!

RE

This half term we will be learning about Buddhism. We will explore how Buddhists try to follow the teachings of Buddha, how the teachings and example of the Buddha help Buddhists to grow towards enlightenment and how Buddhists try to live a good life. We will also learn about which places have special meaning to Buddhists.

Computing

We will be learning about our impact on others through our conduct online, how we can limit negative impact, as well as looking at the difference between fact and opinion and how this can influence us. We will also develop our understanding of search engines and how they work.

How to support your child at home...

- Explore the London Museum's online collection relating to Windrush: <https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/collections/search/?q=windrush> . Discuss what the different photographs and paintings can teach us about the experiences of the Windrush Generation.
- Have an honest conversation about online safety with your child. How do they know whether something they read online is based on fact or opinion? Why is it important to check, and how might they do this?
- Visit the Science Museum together (it's free!) and explore the human body exhibits.

Important things to practise at home:

- Reading independently. This will have an incredibly positive impact on progress across the curriculum!
- Times tables – children are expected to recall all facts up to 12 x 12.