Year 6 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to welcome all of the children back to year 6 for an exciting and busy year. The staffing for year 6 is as follows:

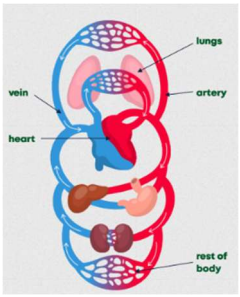
Mr Copping (teacher) – Monday – Friday

Mrs Green (teacher) – Monday – Wednesday

Mrs Matson (teaching assistant) – Monday – Thursday (mornings)

Having two teachers and a teaching assistant in class Monday to Wednesday will allow us to work with two smaller groups of children, providing more focused and targeted support. These groups will be flexible rather than fixed, enabling us to work with different children at different times according to their individual needs and specific learning targets.

Below is a brief overview of the subjects your child will be covering this term. Knowledge organisers can be located on the Year 6 class page of the school website.



Science

The Human Body – Autumn 1

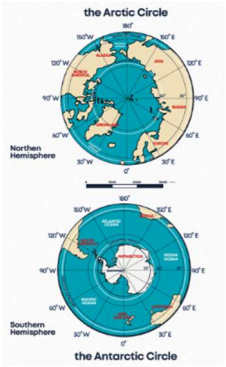
In the half term, pupils will be studying the circulatory system, learning how the heart and lungs work together to keep us alive. They will also investigate the importance of exercise, diet, and lifestyle choices for maintaining a healthy body.



Classification of Living Things – Autumn 2

In the second half term, pupils will learn how living things are classified, including the work of Carl Linnaeus and scientific naming. They will explore the five kingdoms, different groups of invertebrates and the key features used to classify living things.

Geography – Spatial Awareness – Autumn 1



In Geography, the focus will be on map skills and developing spatial awareness. Pupils will revisit concepts such as latitude, longitude, and time zones, and use different types of maps to explore how geography helps us understand the world and the lives of people across it.

History – World War I – Autumn 2

Pupils will learn about the key causes of World War I, including growing tensions in Europe and the events that led Britain to join the war. They will explore how the war was fought on land, at sea and in the air, and learn what life was like for soldiers in the trenches and for families at home. Children will also find out how the war ended and why it had a lasting impact on the world.



Art – The Italian Renaissance



Children will study the art of the Italian Renaissance, looking at famous artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Raphael. They will develop their own drawing and painting skills while exploring ideas of realism, perspective, and artistic style.

Computing

Online Safety – Autumn 1

2BeSafe - Being Safe in a Digital World

Children will learn how to use the internet safely and responsibly. They will be encouraged to think critically about the content they see online, recognise and challenge stereotypes, and know how and where to seek help if something online makes them feel uncomfortable.

Coding – Autumn 2



Children will learn how to use cloning and hotspots within their programs. They will use more complex flowcharts to help them test and debug existing simulations, building up to developing a text-based adventure game.

PSHE

Being Me in My World – Autumn 1



Pupils will explore their goals, rights and responsibilities and what it means to be a global citizen. They will learn how positive choices, collaboration and democracy help create a safe and supportive school community.

Celebrating Difference – Autumn 2

Pupils will explore diversity, equality and respect, developing empathy for people who are different. They will learn about prejudice, discrimination and bullying, while developing strategies for positive relationships, perseverance and overcoming challenges.

RE

Commitment in Islam – Autumn 1



Our RE enquiry will focus on how Muslims show their commitment to Allah. We will explore the Five Pillars of Islam (faith, prayer, charity, fasting, and pilgrimage) alongside other ways Muslims live out their faith in everyday life.

How Significant Is It That Mary Was Jesus' Mother? – Autumn 2

Pupils will explore what the Bible says about why Mary was chosen to be Jesus' mother. They will learn about the Christian belief in the Incarnation—Jesus being both human and divine—and make links with the idea of the Virgin Birth. Children will also reflect on the qualities needed for people who take on important roles and relate this to their own experiences.

P.E and Swimming

PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Children should come to school in PE kit on those days.

Homework

Once the children are settled in, homework will be set on Fridays and will be due back the following Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Copping, Mrs Green and Mrs Matson