

Year 6



Autumn Term 2026

Welcome back to the final year of primary school!

Here is an outline of what Year 6 will be learning during the Autumn Term:

Literacy: We will be reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, which will link to the children's learning in topic as well as providing the stimulus for their writing. The children will be given opportunities to apply their knowledge of grammatical features and will develop their skills as independent writers through a range of genres including diaries, letters, persuasive writing and non-chronological reports.

Numeracy: In addition to embedding the children's mental maths skills, through our daily CLIC programme and BMBT (Big Maths Beat That), we are following the White Rose Maths curriculum, which covers the whole content of the National Curriculum. This term the focus will be: place value; addition, subtraction, multiplication & division; geometry: position and direction. The children should also know all their times tables off by heart.

Science: Light: The aim of this unit is to teach children about light, how we see, shadows, reflection and refraction. We want the children to build up their knowledge of how light travels and how this enables us to see objects and exploring mirrors and the angles of reflection and incidence. The children will have the opportunity to develop their scientific skills by investigating refraction and experimenting with the effects of bending light.

Topic: Our overall topic this half term is World War I. We will look at different aspects including reasons for the war, how it changed the lives of so many, Remembrance Day, countries at war, how it changed the role of women and life in the trenches.

R.E. We learn about the 6 main religions in the world, and this term our focus is on Christianity. Our topic is 'People of God' and we will be exploring the key question: 'How has the Christian message survived?'

We will also be dedicating some time to deepen our understanding of our school rule of 'Respect' and the value we will be focusing on for this half term is 'Peace.'

Computing. The focus for the first part of this term is internet communication. This unit will involve looking at the benefits and outcomes of using different search engines and how to use the internet to communicate safely and responsibly.

PE. The children's PE slot is on a Thursday. This half term the children will be focusing on Invasion games (rugby) skills – they will have the opportunity to develop their skills in passing the ball, how to tackle safely and moving forward.

Homework. The expectation is for children to read daily and an adult must please sign their reading log once a week. The children will be given weekly reading comprehension and punctuation (booklets) on **Wednesday**, which must be completed and handed in the following **Tuesday (includes weekend for extra time)**. They will have a maths paper to complete every week. This will contain arithmetic questions to start with. Your child will also be given spellings homework on Wednesday. Please encourage your child to learn them. The homework that is set will support your child's learning and aid their progress; we therefore ask that you help your child to be disciplined and complete their tasks at home every week, **without fail**.

Trips. School Journey will take place on **Wednesday 4th November to Friday 6th November 2026**.

Year 6 is a very important year; as well as preparing the children for the SATs, which will take place in May, our main aim is to prepare them for their transition to secondary school. Please continue to encourage your child to focus, work hard and enjoy the learning opportunities so they are ready for their move to Key Stage 3. If your child needs to attend an appointment at potential secondary schools, please email the school office.

And finally...

...if you would like to speak to me, for any reason, please either come to see me after school, or leave a message with the office.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Kajubi & Mrs Burrows