



# Year 6 Autumn Term 1 2019

## English

This half term in English we will start by looking at different genres and the features of each particular text type. This is to enable the children to be more confident writers when writing in particular styles throughout the rest of the year. We will initially focus upon: recounts, explanations, instructions and descriptive narrative writing. Editing will continue to remain a focus and we will be developing the skills of peer and self assessment techniques too.

In our Reading Masters sessions, we will be focusing upon vocabulary choices and the impact on the reader and continuing to develop our retrieval and inference skills. It is essential that children keep a note of and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary when reading at home. During spelling sessions we will focus upon suffixes and how spellings change.



## Maths

This half-term in maths we will start by studying number and place value. This will include ordering, comparing, reading and writing numbers up to 10,000,000, rounding numbers and using negative numbers. After this, we will study the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will apply these skills to solve problems.

In our arithmetic lessons, we will be continuing to improve our fluency when solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. In addition, we will be developing our understanding of percentages and how to find a percentage of an amount (e.g. finding 15% of 260). Don't forget to keep practising your child's times tables with them at home. They should be fluent in all times tables up to 12 x 12.



## Key Vocabulary

**RE:** commitment, dedication, devotion.

**Science:** reflect, light source, shadow, filter.

**Geography:** evaporation, transpiration, precipitation, surface run-off, condensation.

**Computing:** report, block, spam, privacy, troll, virus, settings

## Topic

**Geography:** We will be studying the water cycle. Using recycled paper bags, we will create ethical art. During computing, online safety is our first topic to study. **French:** We will learn vocabulary related to food & hobbies.



## Science

Light is our main science topic to study this half term. We will be taking part in regular practical sessions to investigate how light travels and how it is affected by external influences. Try using torches, mirrors, glasses and other materials at home to explore light and shadow.



## Music

This term we will continue to have weekly music lessons delivered by Sistema. This half-term we will be taking part in digital music lessons for the first time and will learn how to create digital music using the app 'GarageBand'.



## Sports

Tag rugby and cognitive development through our 'Real PE' programme to be taught; this will be alongside weekly swimming sessions for specific groups of children at the Norwich Sportspark. We will also be running the Golden Mile regularly in our classes.



## RE / RSE

In RE we will be exploring the faith of Islam and considering how Muslims show their commitment to God. This will be linked to our English sessions relating to non-chronological reports. In RSE we will be exploring feelings, mental well being and internet safety.





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Weekly diary

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading Journals hand in. (Make sure you have read x4 times and completed x4 maths activities by today)</li> <li>P.E. kit and water bottles brought into school</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring swimming kit in (if applicable)</li> <li>Bring in library books to change during our class library slot</li> </ul>
Wednesday	
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Learning due in</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly spelling test in class and new spellings handed out</li> <li>Home Learning sent home</li> <li>P.E. kits and water bottles to go home for a wash</li> </ul>

Key dates this half-term

Wednesday 11th September	High School Ready Parent Expectation Sessions (8am, 3pm and 5:30pm)
Friday 4th October	Harvest Assembly (pupils only; we encourage pupils to bring in donations for the local foodbank)
Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October	All day parent consultation meetings
Wednesday 16th October	Spectacular Science Show Trip to the UEA
Thursday 17th October	Parent breakfast and work celebration (8:30-9:15)
Monday 11th November	Year 6 Remembrance Assembly (10am start)
Thursday 28th November	Advent Parent Party (5:30pm-6:30pm)- come in your pyjamas! (Grown up can wear day clothes!)
Thursday 19th December	Parent Christmas Dinner from 6pm Come along and enjoy a Christmas dinner prepared for you by the children! No crêche so please arrange your childcare in advance.

News

Mrs White, Mrs Sims and Mr Jones hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break!

**Getting Ready for High School Workshops**  
We are looking forward to seeing all parents at our 'Getting Ready for High School' workshops. Please ensure you return your slip stating which session you will attend.

**Home Learning**  
Weekly spellings will be based upon the Year 5/6 word list and will be sent home for your child to learn; they will have a weekly spelling test on a Friday. In addition, your child will need to complete a set number of pages from their CGP workbooks. The page numbers that they need to complete will be recorded in their reading record.

**School Trips**  
If there are any parents who would be willing to come along on a school trip with us this year or on those of other year groups, please speak to your child's class teacher!

