



Autumn Term 2025

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

English As a class, we will be using our writing scheme 'The Write Stuff.' The children will have the opportunity to read across a range of different texts and genres before they innovate and then independently write their own versions. We are beginning with poetry writing, focusing on 'The Lost Words' poetry book by Robert MacFarlane. We then move onto adventure writing, working from 'Kensuke's Kingdom', we will then focus on 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman for Halloween. We will be learning spelling strategies throughout the week and the children will decide which strategies work best for them to encourage their spelling. Spellings will be given out on a Monday and the spelling test will be completed the following Monday. After half term, we will be focusing on non-fiction writing.

Maths The children will continue to practice their arithmetic skills by answering daily 'Fluent in 5' calculations, these will stem from our White Rose Maths learning in the first half term. We begin the year learning about place value and numbers to 10,000,000 before we move onto the 4 different calculation methods – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will learn different calculation strategies for both long multiplication and division, whilst continuing their focus on their times tables. After half term, the focus moves onto fractions.

Science We will begin by learning about classification of living things, the children are going to develop their understanding of different classification systems. We will study living things in our natural world and classify vertebrates and invertebrates before considering what is living in our world besides plants and animals. We will complete science investigations, including how we can grow our own micro-organisms. After half term we study evolution and inheritance.

Art & Design In art, we will be investigating 2D and 3D drawings. We will begin to create our own drawings inspired by food packaging, we will then design our own food packaging using 2D drawings.

Computing We will be continuing with our Online Safety lessons focusing on Online Reputation, Online Bullying and Managing Online Information, alongside looking at networking and graphing. We will discuss how we can be proactive and continue to protect ourselves and our reputations when we are online. We will be using Purple Mash. After half term, we will look into blogging.

Design & Technology After half term, we will be completing cooking and nutrition in DT. We will be designing our own 'Come Dine With Me' meal/evening. First, we will look at the origins of the ingredients and consider how to make this dish a healthy meal before putting our cooking skills to the test and making our own.

Geography We will begin to study energy after half term, why energy is important and the different sources of renewable energy. We will compare how the UK generates energy compared to the US and try to create some energy solutions for our school as we consider if and where we could put solar panels on our building and whether they could improve our energy efficiency.

History We will begin this topic before half term and are starting with some detective work about what the census can tell us about our local area. We will look at some census records in detail, researching into Victorian census, before comparing the past vs now. We will visit the local graveyard to see those who lived in the village before us and explore these, imagining what their lives would have been like, compared to our lives now.

French The children will be studying the weather and will be able to talk and write simple statements that detail the weather and the different types of weather. They will talk about what their favourite weather is and why.

Music We will continue our flute lessons with Mr Whiteman, learning to read music and extending the range of notes we can play; lessons also include listening to a range of musical genres and identifying styles and rhythms.

RE This term we will be studying Hinduism and Christianity. Our focus on Hinduism centres around the idea of 'Brahman', with the key question being 'How do questions about Brahman and Atman influence the way a Hindu lives?' Our focus on Christianity centres around the idea of 'incarnation', with the key question being 'How do Christians show their belief that Jesus is God incarnate?'

Life Skills (PSHE) We will be learning about 'Family and Relationships'. We will delve into respect, change, stereotypes and loss.

Year 6 Staff

Larch Class Teacher

Miss Emily Day

Supported by

Mrs Nicki Asker

Mrs Caroline Mitchell – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Our School Values



Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2025

24th Sep – Y6 Be Our Guest Lunch

7th Oct – Individual Photos

17th Oct – Whole School Informal Sharing Afternoon

October – Black History Month

21st and 23rd October – Parents Evenings

17th-21st Nov – Anti-Bullying Week

20th Nov – Children in Need

19th Dec – PD Day

PE

The children will participate in two PE lessons a week. This term they will be doing fitness activities and cricket. They will build on collaborative skills, strategies and tactics. There will be opportunities to referee as well as partake in competitive games.

Children need to have a kit that is suitable for indoor and outdoor PE. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed before coming to school. Please be mindful of the heat and bring in a change of top and deodorant as required.

Useful websites that you may like to try at home to support your child's learning in school.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch> (logins are in children's reading logs)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>