

# Year 6

# Curriculum Update

Essential information for parents

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## A Child's War



A siren sounds and a Spitfire zooms overhead! It's 1939 and Britain is at war.

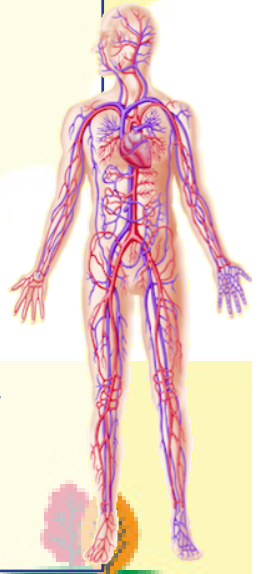
This half term, we'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll learn about evacuation and write letters to our families 'back home'. We'll plot the Second World War's events on a timeline and learn about rationing, Pearl Harbour and the Battle of Britain. From a range of maps, we'll identify safe and dangerous places during the war and make persuasive posters to support the war effort. After reading an extract from *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, we'll write our own diaries. From a range of sources, we'll find out about children and school during the war and learn about discrimination that existed at the time. We'll learn about what it was like during the Blitz and think about how soldiers might have felt.

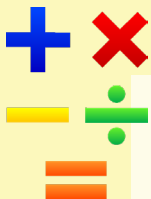
## Science

This term, the Year 6 topic will be 'Animals Including Humans', where children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body.

Therefore, they will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system and will focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body.

Children will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body.





## Maths

In this unit, the children read and write numbers up to 10 000 000, and continue to identify the value of individual digits in a number. They revisit comparisons of numbers using the greater than and less than symbols and then further develop their skills by reasoning about numbers.

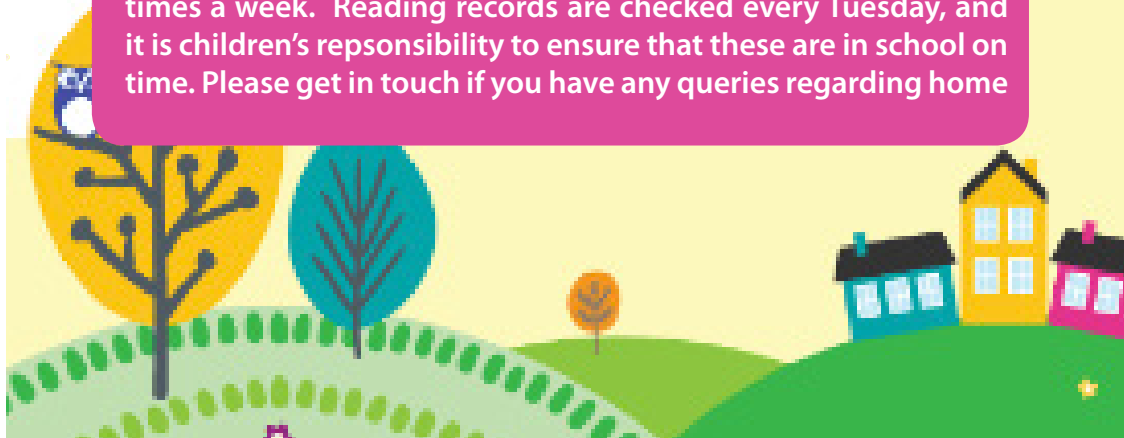
In addition, they develop their number reasoning skills by working with linear number sequences. Children will focus on rounding numbers to any given degree of accuracy, and will also investigate reasoning problems based on rounding numbers. They will work with negative numbers, ordering and comparing them and calculating intervals across zero. They will use negative numbers in context to solve problems.

Finally, children will have the opportunity to use all of their number and place value skills to solve a range of problems.

## P.E.

We are lucky to be working with professional sports coaches in P.E., and will be focussing on invasion games this half term.

It is advised that parents read with their children at least four times a week. Reading records are checked every Tuesday, and it is children's responsibility to ensure that these are in school on time. Please get in touch if you have any queries regarding home



## Homework

Homework will be sent home at least weekly, with an additional focus on spellings. The deadline for homework is a Wednesday, so please ensure that your child brings their homework on that day.

## Help and Support

If you need help or any support, or want to talk about your child, I am more than happy to meet before or after school.

**I am also (usually) available on the Dojo app, so if you have any quick questions, I'm more than happy to answer you electronically or via my email address below.**

The current Year 6 cohort are full of energy and enthusiasm, and have a fantastically positive attitude to their work.

I am absolutely certain that they will have a thoroughly successful year and, even though I have only taught them for a few days, am already overwhelmed by their resilience, maturity and determination to succeed.



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