

Year 6

Curriculum Update

Essential information for parents

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Fallen Fields

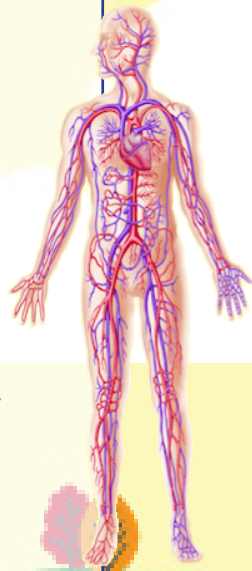
In our Fallen Fields topic, Year 6 will start by listening to an audio recording of a soldier leaving for war. Using inspiring illustrations, they'll write diary entries from the perspectives of characters affected by the war. They will delve into the causes of the First World War and produce a newspaper report. Their research skills will help them to find out which countries were the Central Powers, which were the Allied Powers and which were neutral. They will order significant events and decide who were the most influential figures of the First World War. After researching devastating battles, they'll write short stories from the viewpoints of British soldiers. They will read wartime poetry and examine artwork to pick out evocative imagery and thought-provoking themes. They will also analyse wartime propaganda and reflect on the significance of poppies.

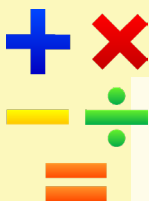
Science

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 our first half term, 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.

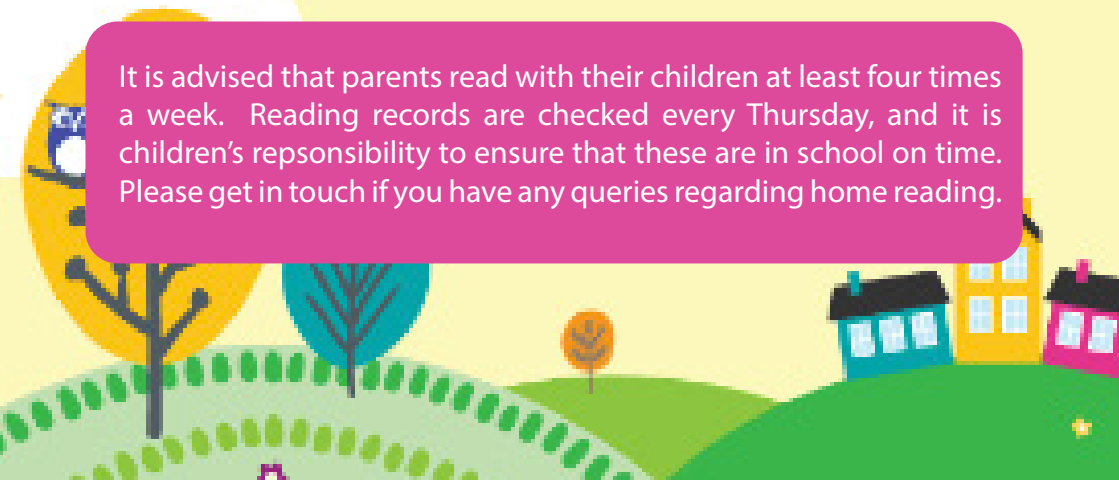
In addition, they develop their number reasoning skills by working with linear number sequences. Children will focus on rounding numbers to any given degree of accuracy, and will also investigate reasoning problems based on rounding numbers. They will work with negative numbers, ordering and comparing 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 enjoying as many outdoor activities as possible this half term.

It is advised that parents read with their children at least four times a week. Reading records are checked every Thursday, 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 reading.



Homework

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

Despite difficult circumstances, I have no doubt that all members of the Year 6 cohort will excel. I look forward to being part of their development, and will ensure that each and every child receives the support that they deserve.



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