

English:

We will begin this term with writing a non-chronological report on the impact of unsustainable palm oil. In addition to this, we will be exploring Shackleton's Journey and their life-changing expedition. In Autumn 2, the children will write their own conflict narrative based on The Island. Children will work on using dialogue to move action forward and develop a character's personality. Year 6 will also be studying Macbeth at the end of this term. SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) will be based on revision from the previous year.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Year 6 and your child's last year at Highfield Primary! There are lots happening this Autumn term and we are really looking forward to welcoming your children back from their summer break. From w/c 9th Sept, the children will be taught in sets for Maths and English. The Year 6 team is Miss Greenhill, Miss Brown, Mrs Marsh, Mrs Major and Miss McPherson. Miss Brown is Year 6's phase leader and Mrs Morton is the KS2 deputy head teacher. Please email the office if you would like a meeting with a teacher.

Don't Forget:

PE kits must be worn to school on the days your child has PE.
Homework is given out on Wednesday and is due the following Tuesday. Maths Arithmetic Homework is given in the green Homework book.
Spellings will be given out on Wednesday. Please note that Homework and Spellings will be given out via Google Classroom.
Water Bottles should be brought in daily and should be named. (no extra large water bottles)
Uniforms must be correct and clearly labelled with a permanent marker. All children must wear black shoes or trainers.

Maths:

This term we will be applying all the 4 calculations to number problems and focusing on place value, rounding numbers and negative numbers. We will be developing the strategies used in Arithmetic and applying them to real life situations. We will also be focusing on shape, fractions, decimals and percentages. Children will have many opportunities to revisit and review their learning from Year 5.

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[Topic: Get Up Stand Up](#)
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Religious Education:

We will be learning about Rosh Hashanah and the Jewish home. We will be asking questions such as "How do Jewish families celebrate their New Year?" We will also be studying Hinduism and the significance of a Mandir.

PE:

Outside PE lessons will be focusing on net/wall games and gymnastics. The children will be learning to develop game play within tennis, hockey and volleyball, and they will be learning about counterbalance and tension.

PE Days:**6M – Monday and Wednesday****6G – Monday and Wednesday****6MB – Wednesday and Friday****ICT:**

At the start of each half term the children complete a lesson on E-safety to support their use of the Internet. Children will be learning about data, how to record data on Google sheets and how to manipulate sheets for different outcomes. After half term they will be developing their coding skills through microbit and Raspberry Pi, the end project being a step counter.

PSHE

In these lessons we will discuss a range of topics including achievements, resilience, assertiveness, racism, plans for the future, managing feeling and E-safety.

Science:

Our topic for this term is Evolution and Inheritance. We will be focusing on the skill of drawing conclusions and evaluating. We will also be developing the skills of comparing and refuting ideas using scientific evidence. The significant figures we will be focusing on are Mary Anning and Charles Darwin.

History/Geography:

We begin the term with our Geography unit on Polar Regions. The children will be learning about the polar climate and how to survive in these harsh conditions. In Autumn 2, our history topic is The Ancient Maya. We will be studying maps to explore who the Ancient Maya were and where they lived, learning about the Maya religious system, exploring the Maya writing system and using primary evidence to further enhance our understanding of life in the Ancient Maya times.

Art, Design & Music:

This term we will be focusing on food sculptures inspired by Claus Oldenburg and Nicole Dyer. We will be developing texture, line and tone in drawings and then transferring these skills to help us make food sculptures. Year 6 will also be conducting some market research to inform the design of a 3D key ring. In Music, children will play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using sign language. In Autumn 2 we will be exploring jazz music.

French:

Our focus for this term is sports and games. The children will be learning how to say what sports they like to play, and to express their preferences in sentences orally. They will also be practising how to read and write their preferences in French.

