

English:

We will begin this term with researching and preparing a speech based on the impact of unsustainable palm oil. Following this the children will perform a persuasive speech and write a non-chronological report along the same theme. In our next English topic, we will be exploring Shackleton's Journey and his life-changing expedition to the Antarctic. 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 taught both within the English lessons and as separate consolidation lessons.

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.

PE:

Indoor PE lessons will be focusing on dance and gymnastics, and they will be learning about flight, counterbalance and tension. Outside, the children will be learning to develop game play within invasion, net, wall and court games.

PE Days:

6M – Monday and Wednesday

6A – Wednesday and Friday

6NA – Wednesday and Thursday

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.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Year 6 and your child's last year at Highfield Primary! There are many events happening this Autumn term, including a trip to Alexandra Palace and a Science workshop at Winchmore. The children have settled well and we are looking forward to the term ahead. From w/c 14th Sept, the children will be taught in sets for Maths and English.

The Year 6 team is Mrs Major, Miss Altundal, Miss Abdi and Mrs Stoughton.

Mrs Marsh is Year 6's phase leader.

Please email the office if you would like a meeting with a teacher.

Year 6 Curriculum News

Topic: Brainwaves

Value: Well Being

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 Micro:bit and Raspberry Pi, the end project being a step counter.

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.

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.

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.

PSHE

In Autumn 1, we will focus on the big question: how do my choices today shape my future health?

In Autumn 2, we will focus on connecting with others and explore the big question: what does it mean to stand up for myself and others?

Art, Design & Music:

Before half term, the children will be learning about the Pop Art movement and creating their own 3D city scape piece which links with our whole school topic. After the half term break DT combines with ICT to design and make a step counter using Micro:bit.

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 aim this term is to secure prior knowledge of essential verbs, introducing and describing friends. Then, children will learn to use the singular 'aller' to go, going. Focusing on another Francophone location, like Canada. After half term, they will extend sentences, using subordinate clauses.