



Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter

Please take a look at our newsletter to see what we will be focusing on this term. We have included some links and ideas for how you can help continue, develop and enthuse your child's learning, beyond the school day.

Maths

During Maths lessons children will be learning about ways to develop and deepen their understanding of number, with a focus on place value, fractions, percentages, decimals, written methods, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

Useful links to support Maths:

BBC Maths lessons has a great selection of online lessons covering our number topics
Mathletics A super website we have subscribed to, enabling the children to access homework tasks and a fantastic range of activities and revision the children can use anytime.

Hit The Button and **TT Rockstar** are great for improving those all-important timetables
Oak Academy have some excellent lessons for the children to follow.

RE

Our unit of work is 'Life as a Journey'. The children will look at significant people such as Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King and discuss how they have lived their lives as Christians. We will be looking at non-Christian faiths and pilgrimage. The children will also be looking at the unit, 'Christmas and what is worth celebrating?'

Pilgrimage: web link

Computing

The children will be coding this term, using a variety of online programs, including **Scratch** and **Microbit**; these are available online for children to explore away from the classroom.

English - Reading, Writing and SPAG

During the first half of this term, our English topic is based on books around the theme of war and conflict. We will be writing descriptions of scenes and character, letters and an extended story. After the half term break we will be looking at persuasive and information texts.

In reading, we will develop our comprehension skills and look at inferred meaning, drawing on evidence across the text. We will do this using Reading Plus, class texts and small group reading. We will also develop the children's understanding and application of ambitious vocabulary. Spelling, vocabulary and grammar will be a key focus, as this will support the children's development in their writing.

Useful links/ ideas to support Reading:

Reading Plus a reading resource we have subscribed to, enabling the children to access reading and vocabulary tasks beyond the classroom. It is recommended that the children complete 2 of these tasks at home each week.

BBC Bitesize Reading Lots of great lesson links available here, supporting reading for Year 6. Pay a visit to our **local Halton libraries**, or make use of their free **audiobooks online**. If you fancy a trip further afield, you can always become a member of the **Liverpool Central Library**

Useful links to support SPAG:

BBC Bitesize has a great selection of online lessons covering all areas of spelling, punctuation and spelling.
Oak Academy have some excellent lessons for the children to follow for **Grammar** and **Spelling**

Science

In Science, we will be looking at electricity and light.

Useful links to support Science:

Oak Academy revision of the electrical circuits
Oak Academy exploring light and dark
Oak Academy exploring light
BBC Bitesize Science links to electricity



Music

We will begin our gospel singing with Jan. This weekly session will develop our skills and musical knowledge, as well as helping to build confidence in our performance. We hope to have the opportunity to share our wonderful work with you at the end of each term.

PE

Our PE days will be: **Tuesday and Thursday**

During this first half term we will be focusing on gymnastics (Tuesday) and outdoor adventure (orienteering).

French

In French the children will be studying fairy tales and will write their own in French.

Web links beyond the classroom <https://www.linguascope.com/>

Art and DT

Our Art focus this term is collage and we have the pleasure of Mr Corcoran visiting us for a whole day. We will also be focusing on drawing and finding out about great artists in history. **Tate Kids** has some wonderful areas in art to explore

Humanities

We are exploring how our local area has been impacted and developed because of the slave trade

Here is a link to develop your child's understanding beyond the classroom You may also want to take a trip to The Slavery Museum in Liverpool.

TRIPS We are hoping to take the children to Liverpool in November, to deepen our understanding of our historical focus.

Homework will be sent to you via Parentapp and will also be available if children need a paper copy. We always discuss the homework with the children before we send it home.

Mrs Critchley and Mrs Fletcher

