



Wyken Croft
Primary School

Year 6 Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term

Important date for Year 6

SATS week this year is Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May



English

In English, the children will be using a variety of texts, which support our WWII topic, as inspiration for their writing; including "Friend or Foe" and "Letters from the Lighthouse". Through these texts the children will explore a range of genres such as newspaper reports and diary entries as well as developing their narrative style through the use of figurative language.

Alongside their own choice of reading books from the Year 6 book nook, the children will be developing their comprehension skills by looking at different text types in class. They will be learning to use inference and deduction to answer questions about the text and developing retrieval skills; finding answers directly from the text. Each book that your child takes home also has a related quiz to complete online. The quizzes can be accessed using the link at the end of this letter and should be completed after reading each book.



Maths

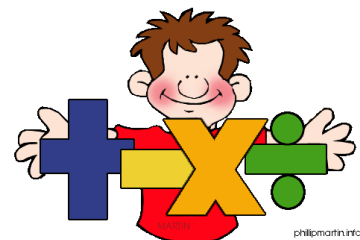


In maths, the children will continue to develop their understanding of the four written methods: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be extending their use of strategies to solve calculations mentally.

Children will expand their knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. We do regular, weekly arithmetic lessons to practise all of these maths skills.

Across all areas of maths, children will be required to apply their skills to problem solving and reasoning.

The most important thing to help develop fluency is the rapid recall of times tables and knowing other core facts such as squared, cubed and prime numbers within 100. Practice regularly up to 12×12 ! TimesTables Rockstars and Maths Sheds are great websites to improve speed and fluency - please encourage your child to use it regularly!



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Topic

WWII: A Child's War

During the Autumn Term, the children will investigate life in World War II, discovering more about how evacuees coped with being moved away from their loved ones and how rationing and the 'Blitz' impacted on the lives of many.

In history, through research, they will use timelines to plot different key events during the conflict and discover the impact the war had on life in Britain and, in particular, Coventry.



The children will use their map skills to locate countries involved in WWII as well as the cities most affected by the war - both in the UK and around the world. They will apply their geographical skills to locate the areas of Coventry most affected by the German bombing and the industries that supported the war effort!



The children will have the opportunity to visit the Transport Museum and Coventry Cathedral to see the real life impact and lasting legacy of the events they have studied.

In art, we will be looking at portraits and using light and shade to evoke feeling and emotion in their work.

In design technology, the children will develop their building skills by designing and making model Anderson Shelters, using the original 1940's designs as inspiration!

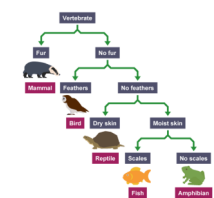


We can't wait to show you the wonderful work your children have produced in the Autumn Term via Twitter. Look out for weekly updates!

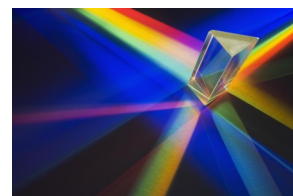


Other Curriculum Areas

Science



Throughout this term in Year 6, the children will have the opportunity to investigate classification and develop their understanding of the different groups of living things. The children will learn to identify and define the characteristic of the different groups using scientific vocabulary, such as vertebrates and invertebrates. Through this unit, they will research the key biologist Carl Linnaeus and discuss the impact his classification system had on our ability to study the natural world. The children will then move on to explore light and reflection; developing their understanding of how light travels and investigating shadows. Children will plan investigations, recording their results and drawing conclusions based on their findings.



Computing



Throughout this term, the children will use ICT to develop and support their learning in their topic work. We will be learning key skills associated with Google Classroom to support homework tasks.

The children will be investigating the role of apps and digital communications using the Chromebooks within school.

Alongside this we will be focusing on E-Safety and raising the children's awareness of how to remain safe when online. We will also be developing the children's understanding of their own digital footprint and the impact that this can have on their future.

PE



The children will have an indoor and an outdoor session each week. In outdoor PE sessions, the children will develop their team skills through the sports of tag rugby and football. They will also have the chance to complete circuit training during their indoor PE sessions.

The Year 6 PE days are **Tuesday and Wednesday**. The children will get changed in school for PE. Please ensure they have a white top and black joggers or shorts for PE and not expensive branded PE kit, as this is not part of our uniform policy.

RE

In RE this term, the children will be considering the religious significance of architecture and cultural sites. We will be exploring the ideas of equality and tolerance and the understanding of other cultures as well as British values.



Other Curriculum Areas

Foreign Languages—French



The children will be focusing on their conversational French, revising greetings, counting and days of the week. The children will be focusing their new learning of sports and the Olympics. Children will develop their understanding of sentence structure by learning how to discuss the sports they enjoy. The children will use their French vocabulary to build profiles of influential footballers.

PSHE

In PSHE, we continue to reinforce the 7 Steps to Success, with a focus on mental well-being, health education and forming healthy relationships based on respect and kindness.



Homework

Homework is an important part of Year 6, both for getting the children ready for secondary school and practising skills which will help the children with their SATS in May.

Homework will be assigned on Google Classroom every **Friday** and should be submitted by the following **Friday**. The homework assignments will practise the skills they have focused on during their lessons that week.

Google Classroom can be saved to your favourites online or accessed using the **pupil portal** at the bottom of the Wyken Croft website.

Children will receive weekly:

- Grammar - (SPaG)
- Maths - times tables / arithmetic fluency skills
- Spellings (our weekly test is on a Monday)

Throughout the year, we will also post other tasks related to our topic or to support learning in other subjects within school.

Useful links

Spellings: www.play.edshed.com/en-gb/login

Times tables: www.ttrockstars.com

Reading quizzes: <https://ukhosted86.renlearn.co.uk/6709902/>

For children who may struggle to access Google Classroom at home, we will provide paper copies of homework. Please let us know if your child needs these or doesn't have access to Google Classroom at home.