



Year 6 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Autumn 2 2024- 25!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Autumn 2!



History and Geography

In history this half term, the focus will be on rulers and government, with an exciting exploration of politics. Children will learn about democracy, studying how voters in a constituency elect Members of Parliament to represent them. They will also delve into the role of world leaders and the major changes they've brought about globally.

A highlight of the unit will be the opportunity for children to visit Hackney Chambers. Here, they will gain a firsthand understanding of how local government functions, exploring the council chambers, meeting the mayor, and learning about the decision-making process that shapes their community.

<https://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/introduction-to-parliament-ks2-video/>

Reading

This half term, children will engage with *Armistice Runner* and *Election* as their class readers. They will practise summarising their reading by completing regular summaries in their learning logs, which will help develop their ability to condense key information. At home, it's encouraged to read with your child every day and support them in writing summaries in their logs.

In addition, children will continue to use Reading Plus at home to improve their reading skills. Reading lessons will focus on answering various question types related to the books, and students will be taught strategies to effectively answer these questions.

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>



Writing

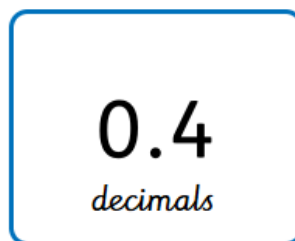
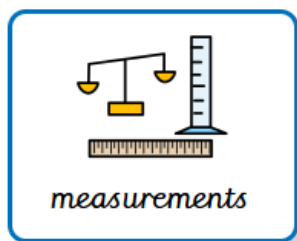
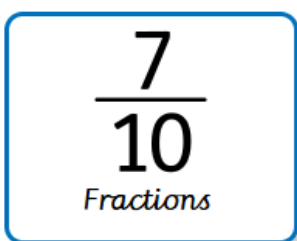
This half term, children will be engaged in writing units connected to rulers and government. They will create a biography, diary entry, and manifesto, exploring key aspects of politics and leadership. Additionally, they will use Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* to write a diary entry and a news report, bringing a historical literary focus into their writing. Children will focus on using parenthesis—such as brackets, dashes, and commas—to add detail to their writing across different genres. This will help them enhance their work by adding extra information or clarifying ideas, making their writing more engaging and informative.

To support their progress, please encourage your child to focus on Year 5/6 spellings, as these will be a major focus this term. These spellings are in addition to the weekly spelling homework.

Maths

This half term, children will continue with the Math No Problem scheme, focusing on fractions, decimals, and measurements. There will also be a strong emphasis on developing their understanding and fluency in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

To support learning at home, please encourage your child to practice their times tables regularly using Times Table Rockstars. This will help strengthen their multiplication skills, which are essential for their overall mathematical development.



The username and password will be found on the inside cover of the homework book.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Dates for your Diary

Halloween Event - Friday 8th November 3.30-5.30pm, children and families welcome

Run Gainsborough Run - The Olympic Marathon Track, Sunday 17th November, 2-4pm, children and families welcome

Zero Waste Hub - Saturday 23rd November 11-3pm, bring and swap shop and menders market, all families welcome

Friday 8th November Year 6 Parent Sharing Assembly

Friday 8th November FROG's Halloween Party 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 12th November Parent's Information Evening 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 12th November Tender online safety parent sessions 4pm and 5pm

Thursday 14th November Parent's Information Evening 4-6pm

Friday 15th November Wear spots for children in Need, donate £1

Sunday 17th November Run GB Run Sunday 2-4pm

Friday 22nd November Y6 Tour of Hackney Chambers trip am

Friday 22nd November ODD SOCKS DAY, donate £1

Tuesday 26th November Individual and sibling pictures Years 1 -6

Wednesday 27th November No Pen's Day!

Thursday 28th November Year 6 Junior Citizenship trip

Tuesday 3rd December Panto at Hackney Empire Years 1 6 3

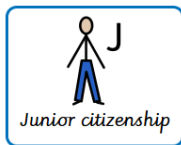
Monday 16th December Parent's in Class 2.45pm Years 1-6

Wednesday 18th December Years 3 4 5 6 end of term concert 2.30pm

Thursday 19th December school closes at 2pm

Friday 20th December INSET day for Nursery, Reception and School staff

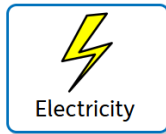
Campaign



For our campaign we will focus on Junior Citizenship. Children will participate in the Junior Citizenship workshop, with hands-on activities designed to teach them about responsible citizenship. They'll engage in practical exercises focused on safety, environmental care, and understanding community roles. Children will engage in activities that promote civic responsibility, safety, and awareness of community roles. This experience will introduce them to essential life skills, from understanding local laws to recognizing the importance of teamwork and problem-solving in society.

<https://www.younghackney.org/campaign/junior-citizenship>

Science



This half term's focus on electricity for Year 6 will offer children an exciting chance to explore how electrical circuits work, investigate conductors and insulators, and understand the role of electricity in everyday life. Lessons will include hands-on activities, such as building simple circuits, testing materials, and learning about electrical safety.

By the end of the unit, students will gain a solid foundation in the basics of electricity, connecting scientific concepts to real-world applications.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

In ICT this term, children will focus on designing and creating their own web pages. They'll learn how to choose the right colour schemes, layouts, and fonts to make their pages visually appealing and user-friendly.

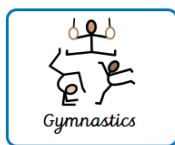
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This half term, we will focus on Buddhism and will help children to explore the teachings of the Buddha and how they relate to living a better life. They will examine the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, which guide Buddhists in overcoming suffering and achieving enlightenment.

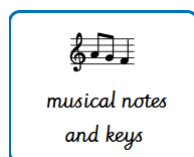
Through learning about Buddhist practices such as meditation, mindfulness, and the role of temples and monks, students will gain a deeper understanding of how these beliefs shape the lives of followers. This exploration will encourage reflection on personal values and how to live a more meaningful and compassionate life.

PE



This half term in PE, children will focus on gymnastics and they will develop their strength, balance, and coordination. They'll learn key movements such as rolls, jumps, and balances, and practice creating simple sequences. Emphasis will be placed on body control, spatial awareness, and safe movement techniques. By the end of the unit, students will have gained confidence in their abilities, improved flexibility, and developed the skills needed to work both independently and as part of a team.

Music



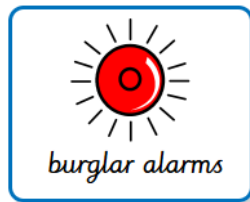
In music lessons, children will focus on mastering the names of musical notes and keys. They'll practice identifying each note, learning its position on the instrument, and memorising the sequence by heart. This

foundational knowledge will strengthen their ability to play simple melodies and understand basic music theory, setting them up for future musical growth.



Spanish

In Spanish this half term, children will build on their language skills by learning how to describe different colours. They will practice using key vocabulary to form sentences, helping them develop a deeper understanding of sentence structure and expanding their descriptive language. This will also help them express themselves more confidently in Spanish.



Art and DTn

In DT, children will apply their knowledge of electricity from their science lessons by designing and creating burglar alarms with complex switches. They'll explore how circuits work in practical applications, learning how to incorporate components such as batteries, wires, switches, and buzzers. This hands-on project will help them understand the link between electricity and everyday technology, while developing their skills in problem-solving, design, and construction.



PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the focus on "celebrating differences" will encourage children to understand and appreciate the diversity around them. Through discussions, activities, and stories, they'll explore topics like empathy, kindness, and respect for others' backgrounds, abilities, and perspectives.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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