

Literacy –

Writing - Year 6 will start the year by identifying features of a quest story; they will include these in their own story, as well as a variety of punctuation.

We will then study 'War Horse by Michael Morpurgo' - we will note the historical context (World War 2) and the children will learn how to integrate dialogue in a narrative. Furthermore, the children will learn how to write effective instructions, focussing on features such as modal verbs, colons and bullet points.

Reading - In guided reading, the children will work in small groups each week – we will focus on answering questions in preparation for the SATs. There will also be opportunities for independent reading every day.



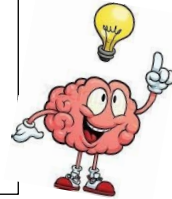
Holy Trinity
Church of England Academy,
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Class – Year 6.
Terms 1 and 2, Autumn 2021.



Science –

In Science, we will be detectives! Firstly, in our unit on Evolution and Inheritance, we will consider how inherited characteristics can lead to variation. The children will identify how animals have adapted to their environment and we will consider the concepts of evolution and natural selection.

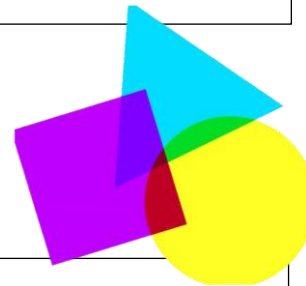
When studying the topic of Light, we will be investigating how light travels in straight lines. The children will also investigate how shadows are formed and how shadows change as the distance from the light source increases or decreases. We will also discover how we see.



Numeracy –

We will be starting our number work in Year 6 by looking at 6-digit numbers and carrying out column addition and subtraction of large numbers. We will be calculating amounts of money and will use rounding to check answers.

The children will also be completing lots of shape work: we will be looking at circles and also angles in triangles and quadrilaterals. We will be measuring and calculating angles, and we will be carrying out lots of fraction work including simplifying, comparing, and ordering fractions.



Welcome to Year 6! The first terms promise to be exciting and busy!

Bikeability: The children will have the opportunity to participate in Bikeability- most of the class will be able to do this in the first term. We will send out letters out about this shortly.

Homework: SPAG homework will be given out (by Mrs. Innes) on Monday, to be returned by the following Monday and Maths homework will be given out (by Mrs. Brown) on Friday to be returned by the following Friday.

Classroom visit: There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with Mrs. Brown to find out more about the work in Year 6, on Thursday 16th September, from 3.30-4.00pm, in the Year 6 classroom.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are unsure of anything.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Innes

Music –

Music this term is focused around one song: Happy, by Pharrell Williams. There will be opportunities to listen & appraise, take part in warm-up games, flexible games, carry out improvisation and create compositions, and then perform. In Term 2 we will focus on the Christmas Carol Concert.

PE –

Please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day.

We will be starting term 1 with Cricket and Hockey.

In Cricket, Year 6 will develop throwing accuracy, catching skills, batting accuracy, overarm bowling technique and a variety of fielding techniques.

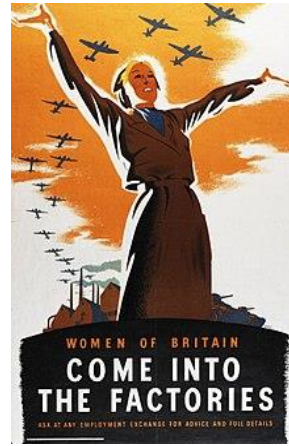
In Hockey, the children will develop their skills in hitting, pushing and receiving the ball. They will practise tackling and will focus on finding space.

Art and DT–

Our Art and DT will link to our history topic of World War 2.

We will create depictions of Dunkirk using watercolours and we will also create work on the Battle of Britain using mixed media. Furthermore, we will study World War 2 propaganda posters.

In DT, the children will design and make models of Anderson Shelters. They will consider what materials will make a strong shelter, how the shape of materials affects its strength, and they will test the strength of materials before building their own models.



Religious Education –

In the first term, we will be considering Islam. We will be posing the question: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? We will discuss what commitment is and will study each of the five pillars of Islam.

In term 2, we will be looking at an aspect of Christianity: What would Jesus do? In this unit, the children will identify features of Gospel texts and make connections between them. The children will relate biblical teachings to issues, problems and opportunities in our community.



Information technology –

Year 6 will be initially learning about e-safety. We will explore the key themes of privacy and information sharing and of being digitally safe citizens. We will then cover a unit on coding. The children will design a quiz game using scratch. They will explain and program each of the steps in their algorithm to achieve a planned outcome.

PSHE-

In our first unit, 'Our Happy School', we will learn about rights and responsibilities in school, and we will consider how to work with others effectively.

In our second unit, 'Out and About', we will be looking at how to overcome having assumptions about people or situations. The children will also be learning how to resolve conflicts.



History and Geography -

Our topic is World War 2. We will firstly discuss how and why the war started. This will include locating countries on a World map. We will then focus on Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain, by considering different sources. The children will devise questions to interview a boat owner who was at Dunkirk, and they will write newspaper reports about the Battle of Britain. The children will have an opportunity to empathise as evacuees, by writing a letter, and they will learn about different aspects of life on the Home Front.



French –

Year 6 will be learning to greet each other in French, and they will learn to count. We will also be discussing colours and practicing how to spell these words accurately. Another topic we will look at is 'all about me' where children can discuss their age, family and themselves! Activities will include games and lots of conversation

Salut!