



Year 6 Curriculum Letter

January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a fantastic first term in Year 6 and we are very excited to start the spring term. A big thank you to all our Year 6 families for being so engaged and helpful and a big well done to the children for their hard work and enthusiasm. This half term, our topic has a geography focus and we will be studying rivers. The half term will include a geography focused school trip. Keep an eye out for more information later in the term.

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Reading: Retrieving vocabulary Inferring Prediction Summary</p> <p>Spelling: Year 5 and 6 statutory words Page 23 from link below-The national curriculum in England - English Appendix 1: Spelling (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>Writing: Planning and editing skills Recount Whole School Writing Project – Narrative This is a whole school writing project and all writing lessons in classes YR-Y6 will be based on this topic.</p> <p>Handwriting: To continue to work on joins and formation to write fluently.</p> <p>Grammar: Ellipses Colons and semi-colons Parenthesis Punctuation for dialogue</p>	<p>Our main text for this half term is Macbeth, for which we will be reading the Osbourne Macbeth Graphic Novel.</p> <p>We will also be watching the following BBC video adaptations of the story: KS2 English: Macbeth. 8: Birnam Wood comes to Dunsinane - BBC Teach. Any books, graphic novels or information that the children can read about Macbeth and other Shakespeare plays will really support their learning this half term (this might be a good time to read the Shakespeare graphic novel of Midsummer Nights Dream from our Reading Passport list).</p> <p>The Royal Shakespeare Company are also a great resource for learning more about Shakespeare’s plays: https://www.rsc.org.uk/macbeth</p> <p>In addition to our Macbeth focus this half term, please continue to read and listen to a wide variety of genres, authors and texts.</p> <p>For the second half of the half-term, we will be completing a whole school writing project.</p> <p>Many parents raised the issue of finding the right books to support each child. http://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk This website provides you with many ideas and book reviews. You may look through this with your child.</p> <p>Alternatives are to visit the local library, where the librarian is very helpful, or Muswell Hill Children’s Bookshop who have a deep knowledge of current books.</p>
Maths	<p>Recap on previous learning and setting the groundwork for SATs learning: Percentages Area and perimeter Statistics</p>	<p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button – a game for practising times tables, an essential aspect of year 6 maths.</p> <p>Maths home learning Home learning White Rose Maths (whiteroseeducation.com) A Maths Dictionary for Kids by Jenny Eather Definitions Free Math Posters and Charts Maths</p>



	Children should be fluent in all their times tables so please rehearse at home	Examples Math Words Math Glossary Math Terms ↓
Science	Living Things and Their Habitats	We recommend going for walks as a family and observe living things in your local environment. Can you identify different species of birds, mammals and insects? BBC KS2 Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb
Computing	Programming. In this unit children will be considering how variables can be used in games, and will make a simple video game in Scratch.	Parents & carers Childnet Tetherdown School - E-Safety
PE	Hockey / Dance	P.E sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays for both classes. Your child should come to school on these days in appropriate sportswear. No jewelry, including watches, may be worn during P.E. and long hair must be tied back.
PSHE/RSE	Growing and Changing unit.	In PSHE lessons this half term, we will be covering the relationships and sex education for year 6. There has been information about a parent information session to ensure that you are fully aware of what is being taught. Please do get in contact if you have not received that information or have any further questions.
RE	Christianity – Salvation and the concept of eternity. Enquiry Question: <i>Is anything ever eternal?</i>	
Geography	Rivers: This half term we will ask the question: what land use opportunities do rivers provide? Whilst gaining an overview of the physical features of a river, we will focus on the human geography of rivers: how rivers have been useful to humans and the consequences of human use of rivers. As part of this unit we will go on a boat trip down the Thames, completing a field-study of how the Thames is used.	Rivers are a massive part of life in London. As a family, you could visit rivers in London, such as the man-made canals in Camden and the New River. Both provide an excellent walking opportunity, showing how important rivers have been to Londoners. We are also watching part of a documentary on rivers in our first lesson, but watching the whole thing would be very helpful, if you have the time. Here's the link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0015gyl/earth-s-great-rivers-ii-series-1-1-zambezi
Music	Sing Up unit: Donna Nobis Pacem	
Art	Painting and Collages	We will be learning about Pablo Picasso and cubism in class. Learn more here: What is Cubism? KS2 Primary - BBC Bitesize



		You can also visit the National Gallery or Tate Modern for free to see some of Picasso's work as well as other examples of cubism.
Mandarin	Language for seeing a doctor	

Home Learning is set on a Thursday on Teams. It should be returned the following week on Tuesday. Finally, please ensure that your child brings in a labelled water bottle and takes it home at the end of the day. Snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables.

If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to email admin@tetherdownschool.org who will pass on your message to the relevant teacher.

Thank you for your support.
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