



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the half-way point in the year! This half term we have an exciting range of learning, focusing on writing and history.

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.

	<b>Curriculum covered this half-term</b>	<b>Optional suggestions for home-learning</b>
English	<p><b>Reading:</b> Retrieving vocabulary Inferring Predicting Summarising</p> <p><b>Spelling:</b> Year 5 and 6 statutory words</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Planning and editing skills Persuasive Letter: We will start our half term by considering how we can use language and rhetorical devices effectively to persuade. We will be writing a persuasive letter to an adult in our school asking for a change or improvement.</p> <p><b>Biographies:</b> As part of our history topic, we will be writing a biography about Walter Tull.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b> To continue to work on joins and formation to write fluently.</p> <p><b>Grammar:</b> Revise for SPAG test.</p>	<p>This half term, it would be wonderful if your child could engage with biographies at home, in addition to their usual reading.</p> <p>Here your child can find a range of poetry which is read aloud: <a href="#">Children's Poetry Archive - Listen to the world's best children's poetry read out loud.</a></p> <p>Many parents raised the issue of finding the right books to support each child. <a href="http://www.lovereadng4schools.co.uk">http://www.lovereadng4schools.co.uk</a> 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> <p>Did you know that the library also provides free e-books and audio books for children? <a href="#">eBooks, eAudiobooks and Newspapers   Haringey Council</a></p> <p>In addition to handwriting, we would highly recommend <a href="#">Learn Touch Typing Free - TypingClub</a></p>
Maths	<p><b>Co-ordinates, ratio and algebra.</b> We are on the home straight regarding teaching the Year 6 curriculum before SATs in May, with just co-ordinates, ratio and algebra to teach. Then we have two weeks of revision and reinforcement before the</p> <p>Children should be fluent in all their times tables so please rehearse at home using Times Tables Rockstars.</p> <p>We will also be revising arithmetic every day and begin targeted revision, focused on the results from our most recent practice test.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a> – a game for practising times tables, an essential aspect of year 6 maths.</p> <p>Algebra: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zghp34j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zghp34j</a></p> <p>Ratio: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsq7hy">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsq7hy</a></p> <p>Co-ordinates:</p>



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Science	<p><b>Electricity</b> This half term we are returning to electricity: a topic studied in Year 5. This will focus on how electricity is generated, completing circuit diagrams and problem solving experiments judging current and the impact of battery sizes on bulb outputs.</p>	<p><a href="#">BBC KS2 Bitesize</a> <a href="#">What is electricity? - BBC Bitesize</a></p> <p>This would be a great time to visit the Science Museum as they have lots of really interesting information on the history of electricity and how it works. <a href="#">Wonderlab: The Equinor Gallery   Science Museum   London</a> <a href="#">Electrifying: The story of lighting our homes   Science Museum</a></p>
Computing	<p><b>Programing</b> Microbits We will be programming microbits to develop our use of some core computing concepts through coding and making practical projects.</p> <p><b>Online Safety:</b> Self-image and identity</p>	<p><a href="https://microbit.org/">https://microbit.org/</a></p> <p><a href="#">Tetherdown School - E-Safety</a></p>
PE	<p>Athletics Netball (All Year 6)</p>	
RE	<p><b>Christianity</b> Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on earth? Theme: Easter</p>	
PSHE	<p><b>PSHE: Keeping Safe</b> Children will be discussing different ways of keeping themselves safe in person and online. This will also include discussions around addiction, alcohol, smoking and drugs.</p>	<p>The children in Year 6 will be finding out about their secondary schools this half term and may be feeling some nervousness, anxiety or apprehension about the changes ahead. Please keep having conversations with your children about their ambitions and goals for the future, as well as discussing how they can anticipate and plan for what they might be worried about.</p> <p>If your child does not receive their first choice for secondary schools, please do get in touch and we will be happy to advise.</p>
Music	<p>Sing Up: <b>You to me are everything.</b></p>	
History	<p>In history this half term, we will be learning about Walter Tull, the first black officer in the British army and one of the first black professional football players.</p>	<p>BBC Bitesize: Who was Walter Tull and what did he do? <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q/articles/zbqxbdm">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q/articles/zbqxbdm</a></p>
Mandarin	<p><b>Shopping</b></p>	



Art	<b>Sculpture:</b> In art this half term we will be making sculptures inspired by the artist, Dale Chihuly, who made naturalistic glass blown pieces. The Tate Modern has a wonderful range of sculptures, which it would be fantastic for your children to see.	The Tate Modern has a wonderful range of sculptures, which it would be fantastic for your children to see.
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PE sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays for both classes. Your child should come to school on these days in the Tetherdown PE t-shirt and appropriate sportswear (not jeans). No jewelry, including watches, may be worn during PE and long hair must be tied back.

Home Learning is set on a Thursday and will be set on Teams. It should be returned the following week on Tuesday using Microsoft Teams. 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](mailto:admin@tetherdownschool.org) who will pass on your message to the relevant teacher.

Thank you for your support,

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