

Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 1 2627

Writing This half term we will be reading 'The Nowhere Emporium'. We will focus on how to create an effective setting description and we will write a portal story.	Science We will be learning about electricity. We will use recognised symbols to represent simple circuits in diagrams. We will also look at what happens to bulbs and buzzers depending on the number and voltage of cells used in a circuit, and compare and give reasons for variations.	RE We will be learning about why some people believe in God and why some people do not. We will look at what the beliefs of theists, atheists and agnostics are and how these impact on their lives.
Maths In our number and place value unit, we will read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10,000,000 and determine the value of each digit, round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy and use negative numbers in context. We will also look at $+x$ and $\div$ including multiplying up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using long multiplication and dividing numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit number using short division. We will also identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers and revisit square numbers and cube numbers.	History We will be learning about Crime and Punishment in Britain and how it has changed throughout history. This will include how attitudes to punishment have changed considerably over time, certain crimes were prevalent in certain time periods and the developments in how crimes have been investigated over time including the establishment of the Police Force.	Reading Using our class read novel, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, we will look at the impressions we have of characters and their motivation as the story develops and how we arrive at these. Our second text will be Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt, where we'll discuss the following big question 'How are the themes of hope and freedom explored?'
PE Our PE days are: Hazel & Oak: MONDAY and TUESDAY. Sycamore: TUESDAY and FRIDAY Please send your child to school in their full PE Kit on both days, including trainers. NO DRESSES, SKIRTS, TIGHTS or school shoes on these days.	Geography We are learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and mountain ranges. We will investigate the earth's structure, where tectonic plate boundaries are found and how earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur and impact upon human processes.	Art Our unit is 'Activism' where we look at how artists can use art as a way to express their opinions, using their skills to speak for sectors of society. We will explore the work of the artist Shepard Fairey and create artwork about the things they care about as individuals.
DT This term we will be completing a food technology unit looking at seasonality and laminated dough. We will make a dessert using puff pastry with a filling of choice e.g. cinnamon or fruit.	PSHE We will be looking at our unit 'Living in the Wider World'. This includes learning about why it is important to be critical of the media online and offline, how people manage money, and consider what might interest the children as a career.	Spellings We will be looking at a number of different spelling patterns throughout the half term and have a weekly test. The spelling patterns this half term will include endings with -cious and -tious, -cial and -tial, -able and -ible, -ably and -ibly as well as the prefixes tele- and audio-.
Computing We will be using PurpleMash to look at our unit called Networks. This will include what networks are, the internet and the WWW, communicating and collaborating online, and who controls the internet.		

Online Resources

MathsBot MathsBot.com https://mathsbot.com/primaryMenu KS2 Arithmetic paper KS2 Reasoning paper	Maths: TT Rockstars 	Computing activities: Purple Mash 
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Google Classroom Class Codes:

Hazel: j7xjx6xv	Oak: e3knkbtz	Sycamore: 6hyr4i6w
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Reading book change day:

Hazel: Monday	Oak: Tuesday	Sycamore: Wednesday
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Homework

Reading

- Children choose 2 books to take home and read each week:

1. Collins book - At your child's reading level - Should be read and swapped weekly	2. Read for pleasure book - Could be a picture book, graphic novel, poems, a short chapter book or a longer chapter book - If this is a longer chapter book, your child can keep this for over a week and return it on the next book change day for their class.
	

- Please make sure you listen to your child read **EVERY DAY** for at least 10 minutes.

Maths

- Please encourage your child to complete times tables activities on TT Rockstars regularly so they retain speedy recall of the facts as well as practise their arithmetic or reasoning on the mathsbot website as explained on page 1.

Spelling

- Each week, your child will bring home a list of 10 words to learn. Please check that your child spends time learning these spellings before the test. The sheet will look like this:

The images here indicate the strategy that your child has been taught in school this week. It may help them spell these particular words.

Your child may prefer to use a different strategy(ies) to help them spell the word.

The blue words at the bottom of the list are from the Statutory Word List words (Year 3- Year 6) or Common Exception Words.

Have fun exploring and investigating the strategies!

Word	Strategy 1	Strategy 2	Strategy 3
arrived	word	adding ed	word
hoped	arrive	ed	arrived
using	word	adding ing	word
giving	use	ing	using
later	word	adding er	word
larger	late	er	later
closest	word	adding est	word
most	clos	est	closest
both			
only			