

Year 6 Newsletter



Term 3 (2022/2023)

News

A huge welcome back to everyone after the festive break. During this period, the children in year 6 will continue to build upon and solidify their knowledge across all curriculum subjects in their final months of primary school.

This term, our reading focus will change from fluency to comprehension to aid children's retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills. We will continue to read our key text, *Mortal Engines*, side-by-side with bespoke shorter texts designed to improve their overall reading ability.

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Our PUPAC values

Passion



Urgency



Positivity



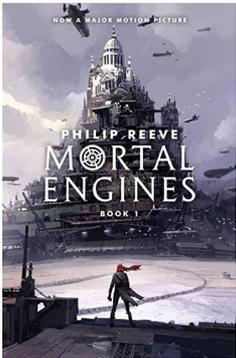
Aspiration



Commitment



Reading



This term, we will focus on building the children's comprehension skills. Starting with retrieval (finding specific answers in the text), we will move on to inference (making informed deductions based upon what has been read) towards the end of the term. Our key text, *Mortal Engines*, will be Thursdays and Fridays, with other shorter reads studied at the beginning of the week.

Writing

This term, the children will be developing their suspense writing using our key text 'The Water Tower'. From this narrative, the children will be creating their own mystery story. Pupils will be exploring a range of sentences that will help build their knowledge of this genre of writing. They will be able to identify a variety of features - such as sensory language and sentences for effect - from these types of narratives and apply them to their own writing.

Maths

This term in maths, we will be primarily focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will review our understanding of these concepts before exploring equivalency and reasoning problems. This will build on knowledge pupils learned in year 5 and earlier in year 6.

Following on from this unit, we will then learn how to solve algebra problems, using shapes and letters to represent unknown numbers.

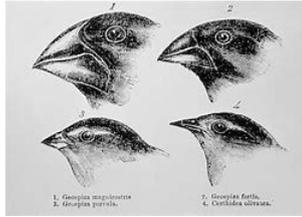
To finish this term, we will study measures, including mass, capacity and distance. This will build upon the children's understanding of place value within real-world contexts.

At home, the best way to help your child improve their maths fluency is to practise their tables with them. Knowing their tables will make so much of the arithmetic we do much simpler! Pupils can also develop their mathematical understanding by regularly using Complete Maths Tutor.



Science

This term's science looks at evolution and inheritance. We will learn about Darwin's theory of evolution, looking at how various animals have adapted and changed in response to their environment. We will also be looking at how fossils and the field of palaeontology help us to understand how species have evolved.



Physical Education (PE)

In PE, we will practise handstands, cartwheels and a variety of rolls. The children will then link these different movements to create a sequence.

P.E. will continue to be held on **Wednesdays** this term. Children are expected to come into school dressed in their PE kits, which should include their school jumper or cardigan.

Spanish

This term, our topic of focus is the weekend. We will be adding to our expanding Spanish vocabulary and grammar in order to write, speak, read and listen to descriptions of our weekends.



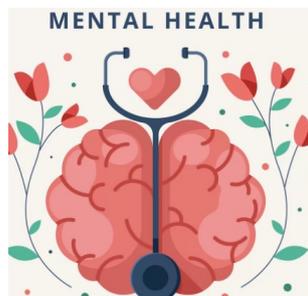
Geography

This term, we will focus on the locational, physical and human geography of Russia. We will then review and build on knowledge of rivers from year 5, and apply what we know to a case study of the Volga River.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

In PSHE, year 6 will be learning about how they can look after their mental health. This will include knowing who and where to look for support, as well as building healthy habits into their lives.



Religious Education (RE)

Our focus religion for RE this term is Christianity and we will be learning about why Christians pray. To help the children to think about this, year 6 will learn about whether the most important part of a church is the building or people, how churches can help Christians to pray, and what the Lord's Prayer is.



Music

In music this term, we will focus on a social theme and ask 'What stories does music tell us about the past?' The children will celebrate a wide range of musical styles with many opportunities to include: listening, singing, playing, composing, performing and accompanying songs such as 'My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean' and 'When the Saints Go Marching In'.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set on Fridays and collected in on the following Wednesday. In year 6, it is expected that pupils will take ownership of their own learning and will practise their times tables and reading each day.

