

YEAR 6 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful Year 6s and their families. We hope everyone has had a restful and well deserved Christmas break full of festive cheer, and children are ready for another jam-packed, successful half term!

In English this half term, we will be reading 'A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning' and taking inspiration from the short film 'Alma'. Through these, we will be building towards writing descriptions, diary entries and narratives in the style of Lemony Snicket. We will be focusing on show not tell, composition and effect, varying sentence lengths for effect, tense consistency, punctuating dialogue and the effective use of semi-colons, colons and dashes. Additionally, guided reading sessions will enable children to practise inferring details both stated and implied, and deepening language repertoire, as well as practising exam technique and answering questions efficiently in timed conditions.

In maths, we will be focusing on calculating percentages of amounts, understanding equivalence by converting these to fractions and decimals, and solving related calculations. When introducing ratio and proportion, we will be solving problems involving the relative sizes of two quantities where missing values can be found by using integer multiplication and division facts, solving problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found, and calculating answers involving unequal sharing and grouping using knowledge of fractions and multiples. We will also practise converting measurements of length, mass, volume and time, applying these with related reasoning problems and investigations.

In science, we will be studying living things in their habitats. Children will extend their scientific knowledge regarding how living things are classified and arranged in different groups based on their characteristics and lifecycles. They will also learn about micro-organisms, conducting experiments into what they need in order to survive and grow.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our [knowledge organisers](#). If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, or come and see me on the playground.

Mrs Brooke

Important Days

Wednesday: PE lesson

(come in PE kit)

Friday:

Spelling Test

Important Dates

**Monday 16th January –
4pm**

Year 5 and Year 6 maths
parent meeting via Zoom

Tuesday 24th January
Network Rail Visiting Year 6

Friday 27th January
Holocaust Memorial Day

Tuesday 7th February
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February
Year 6 Maths Mystery Day

**Thursday 9th February –
9:15am**
Year 6 and Reception class
assembly

Friday 10th February
Break up for half term



