# Year 6 Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term



Where possible, our focus texts and writing opportunities will be linked to cross-curricular topics.

#### **Fiction**

Pupils will write a Science Fiction story focusing on using cohesive devices.

Pupils will write a suspense story using features that build tension.

# **Non-Fiction**

Recount – Pupils will write a newspaper report about the moon landing.

Persuasive writing - Pupils will explore how persuasive writing can be adapted for different audiences and purposes. They will write a persuasive letter using emotive language.

Informative writing – Pupils will create a space themed non-chronological report.

#### Poetry

Performance poetry – Jabberwocky.

Reverse poems – environmental theme linked to our

Geography topic.

## **Spellings**

Words with 'silent' letters. Homophones and other words that are often confused. Words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c. Words containing the letterstring ough. Y5/6 Word list. See spelling homework booklet for weekly spellings.

## **Grammar and Punctuation**

- Revision of Y3/4 GPS objectives
- Using commas to separate elements of a sentence
- Using commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity
- Linking ideas across paragraphs using linking adverbials to show time, place, number
- Using Standard English forms of adverbs [e.g. ly adverbs]
- Using possessive pronouns and apostrophes to show possession
- Using adverbs to comment on a whole sentence
- Identifying conjunctions/prepositions, pronouns/determiners by how they are used
- Introducing relative clauses that refer to a whole clause rather than a noun.
- Writing conditional sentences; using modal verbs in conditional sentences

Maths lessons this term will cover the following objectives:

## **Place Value:**

- 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
- Use negative numbers in context, and calculate intervals across 0
- Solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above

# Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division:

- Solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why
- Multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a twodigit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication
- Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit number using the formal written method of short division where appropriate, interpreting remainders according to the context
- Perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers
- Identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers
- Use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the 4 operations
- Solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy
- Use BIDAMS and understand the correct order of operations using brackets.
- Use all the multiplication tables to calculate mathematical statements in order to maintain their fluency.

#### Fractions & Decimals:

- Use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination
- Compare and order fractions, including fractions >1
- Identify the value of each digit in numbers given to 3 decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 giving answers up to 3 decimal places
- Multiply one-digit numbers with up to 2 decimal places by whole numbers

## Algebra:

Express missing number problems algebraically
 Use simple formulae

Religious Education	Domestic Church – Family: Loving God who never stops loving Pupils will know and understand:  The love and care of people God's love is unconditional and never ending Baptism / Confirmation – Belonging: Vocation and Commitment The vocation of priesthood and religious life Pupils will know and understand: Commitment in life The vocation to the priesthood and religious life Advent / Christmas – Loving: Expectations Jesus born to show God to the world Pupils will know and understand: The meaning of expectation	Physical Education	Athletics - Running  Pupils will explore how to use their bodies to sprint or to running for distance.  Basketball  Pupils will consolidate their ability to use passing, dribbling, and moving skills to keep possession and score.  Dodgeball  Pupils will consolidate their understanding of attacking and defensive tactics during a game.
	<ul> <li>Advent, a time of joyful expectation of Christmas, the Word becoming a human person, Jesus</li> <li>Other Faith – Judaism</li> </ul>		
Geography	Pupils will learn the term 'Biome' and why different areas on earth have different climates and features.  - They will understand the terms longitude and latitude and be able to describe the climates in different areas using geographical language.  - Maps and graphs will be used to compare/contrast tropical rainforests with temperate deciduous forests.  - Pupils will learn about the flora and fauna found within 2 contrasting biomes and be able to explain how and why these have adapted.  - They will be able to categorise and explain the importance of goods and services taken from the rainforest and understand what is meant by deforestation and its impact on the rainforest both from a physical and human point of view.  - They will also learn how we can use the rainforest sustainably.	History	Crime & Punishment  - Pupils will learn the terms 'crime' and 'punishment' and how societies' views have changed over time.  - They will recognise similarities and differences between what is considered a crime and identify how the level of severity of punishment has changed.  - Pupils will begin to understand how the tolerance and attitudes towards crime and punishment are linked with changes in different societies and can be linked to social status within the historical periods.  - Children will be able to consider the scale of punishment assigned to similar crimes over time and evaluate the impact and fairness of the punishment levied.  - Finally, pupils will bring their learning together to be able to analyse how the nature and impact of crime and punishment has changed over time.
Music	Syncopation  Pupils will explore the concept of syncopation during this unit exploring this through the following key themes: Pulse, rhythm, melody, listening and appraising, performing, singing and composition.  These lessons will be led by Tardis Education.  Pupils will also take part in singing lessons with Mr Richardson.	Computing	Computing Systems and Networks - Communication  Pupils will learn about the World Wide Web as a communication tool. First, they will learn how we find information on the World Wide Web, through learning how search engines work (including how they select and rank results) and what influences searching, and through comparing different search engines. They will then investigate different methods of communication, before focusing on internet-based communication. Finally, they will evaluate which methods of internet communication to use for particular purposes.  Creating Media  This unit introduces pupils to the creation of websites for a chosen purpose. Learners identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website using Google Sites.  Throughout the process learners pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, the aesthetics of the site, and navigation paths.

	Animals including Humans		
	Pupils will be able to:		
	- Identify and name the main parts of the human		
	circulatory system, and describe the functions of the		
	heart, blood vessels and blood		
	- Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and		
	lifestyle on the way their bodies function		
	- Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are		Art - Drawing: Posters
	transported within animals, including humans		Pupils will use powerful messages and portraits of
	, ,		significant people to develop propaganda posters.
	Electricity		Through the scheme of learning they will develop
	Pupils will be able to:		skills of drawing block letterings, vectorising portraits,
	- Recognise circuit symbols in a simple circuit- identify	Art and Design Technology	and merging these components together to create a
	the simple circuit used in a hand torch		visually striking composition. They will build upon
	- Recognise electric current is measured in amperes,		their skills of pencil control, composition, line and colour.
9	current is a flow of charge		
Science	- Associate the brightness of a lamp or volume of a		
S	buzzer with the potential difference in a circuit	Ses	
	Investigate the brightness of a bulb if the PD is	Art and D	Design Technology: Kitchen – Vegetable Curry
	increased or the number of bulbs increased in a series		Pupils will build on their knowledge of cultural
	circuit		influences on the Great British Menu and eating
	- Investigate how the length of wire affects the		seasonally. Adapting recipes to change the
	brightness of a bulb.		appearance, taste, texture and aroma. Using their
	- Potential difference is measured in volts		previous knowledge of numeracy for measurement
	- Resistance, measured in ohms, as the ratio of		and irreversible change linked to science, eating well
	potential difference (p.d.) to current		and staying healthy in PSHE.
	- Differences in resistance between conducting and		
	insulating components (quantitative) - Separation of positive or negative charges when		
	objects are rubbed together: transfer of electrons,		
	forces between charged objects		
	- The idea of electric field, forces acting across the		
	space between objects not in contact.		
	Unit 1: Me, My Body, My Health		
101	Pupils will focus on their gifts and talents, girls	French	Unit 1 – House Descriptions  Pupils will focus on different rooms inside and outside of the house. Describe these rooms and their ideal house and bedroom.
SHE	bodies, boys bodies, spots and sleep.		
<u> </u>	Unit 3: Emotional Well-Being		
	Pupils will focus on body image and peculiar feelings.		
ates	NSPCC Workshop – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Key Information	Ideally the children will read at least 1 book each week this term and complete the accompanying quiz.
	Y6 Class Liturgy – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October		
	RAP Event at South Shields Fire Station – Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>		To ensure our class library has a good selection for
	October		the children to choose from, please ensure books are
날	Robinwood Residential – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday		returned to school after they have been read.
Importar	18 <sup>th</sup> October		Please encourage children to learn and revise
	First Aid Workshops – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October		spellings, times tables and mental arithmetic for their
	INSET day – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October		weekly tests. Please check the children have
/ sc	W.C 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM		everything they need for school i.e. PE kit, water
Events / Trips / Important Dates	Mass in Church – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November (10am)		bottles, and that they complete their homework on
	Parents' Meetings - Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>		time. PE kit – children are to wear their PE kit on their PE
	November		days (Monday and Wednesday)
À	Mass / Christmas Service in Church – Thursday 21st		Mental maths and spelling tests are every Friday and
	December (2pm)  Break up for Christmas Holidays – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		homework will be given out on a Friday to be
	December		completed by the following Friday please.
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