Year 6 Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term



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

Reading:

We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topics this term. Our main class novel for this half term will be When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle.

Writing:

Fiction:

Setting description, character description, narratives from multiple perspectives.

Non-Fiction:

Informative writing – non-chronological report. Persuasive writing – formal persuasive letter.

Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

- Use a wide range of punctuation accurately and consistently (e.g. question marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes, commas and brackets)
- Use suffixes to convert from one word class to another (e.g. -ate, -ify/-ness, -ment/-ful, ous)

Mathematics

- Use expanded noun phrases to give information concisely
- Recognise main and subordinate clauses, and phrases, and use them to construct sentences in different ways
- Use a range of verb forms (including the perfect form).

Spellings:

- short vowel sound /i/ spelled 'y'
- short vowel sound /i/ spelled 'y'
- long vowel sound /igh/ spelled 'y'
- adding the prefix '-over'
- words with the suffix '-ful'
- words that can be nouns and verbs
- /oa/ sound spelled 'ou' or 'ow'
- a 'soft c' spelled 'ce'
- prefixes 'dis-', 'un-', 'over-' and 'im-' prefixes 'dis-', 'un-', 'over-' and 'im-'
- /f/ sound spelled 'ph'
- words with unstressed vowel sounds
- words with 'cial'/shuhl/ after a vowel
- words with 'tial'/shul/

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

Literacy

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

Science	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 transported within animals, including humans <u>Electricity</u> Pupils will be able to: - Recognise circuit symbols in a simple circuit- identify the simple circuit used in a hand torch - Recognise electric current is measured in amperes, current is a flow of charge - Associate the brightness of a lamp or volume of a buzzer with the potential difference in a circuit Investigate the brightness of a bulb if the PD is increased or the number of bulbs increased in a series circuit - Investigate how the length of wire affects the brightness of a bulb. - Potential difference is measured in volts - Resistance, measured in ohms, as the ratio of potential difference (p.d.) to current - 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.	Art and Design Technology	<u>Art – Drawing: Posters</u> Pupils will use powerful messages and portraits of significant people to develop propaganda posters. Through the scheme of learning they will develop skills of drawing block letterings, vectorising portraits, and merging these components together to create a visually striking composition. They will build upon their skills of pencil control, composition, line and colour. Design Technology: Kitchen – Vegetable Curry Pupils will build on their knowledge of cultural influences on the Great British Menu and eating seasonally. Adapting recipes to change the appearance, taste, texture and aroma. Using their previous knowledge of numeracy for measurement and irreversible change linked to science, eating well and staying healthy in PSHE.
PSHE	Unit 1: Me, My Body, My Health Pupils will focus on their gifts and talents, girls bodies, boys bodies, spots and sleep. Unit 3: Emotional Well-Being Pupils will focus on body image and peculiar feelings.	French	<u>Unit 1 – House Descriptions</u> Pupils will focus on different rooms inside and outside of the house. Describe these rooms and their ideal house and bedroom.
Events / Trips / Important Dates	Y6 Library Visit – Tues 10 th September Y6 RAP (Risks at Play) Event, South Shields Fire Station – Wed 2 nd October (am only) Flu Vaccine (in school) – Thurs 3 rd October Mass of Thanksgiving – Thurs 10 th October Robinwood Residential – Mon 14 th to Wed 16 th October INSET day – Friday 25 th October W.C 28 th October – 1 st November – HALF TERM Y6 Library Visit – Tues 5 th November (TBC) Mass in Church – Tues 5 th November (10am) Y6 Celebration of the Word (9am) – Thurs 7 th November (TBC) Parents' Meetings – Wed 11 th & Thurs 12 th December Mass / Christmas Service in Church – Thurs 19 th December (2pm) Break up for Christmas Holidays – Fri 20 th December (1;30pm)	Key Information	Ideally the children will read at least 1 book each week this term and complete the accompanying quiz. To ensure our class library has a good selection for the children to choose from, please ensure books are returned to school after they have been read. Please encourage children to learn and revise spellings, times tables and mental arithmetic for their weekly tests. Please check the children have everything they need for school i.e. PE kit, water bottles, and that they complete their homework on time. PE kit – children are to wear their PE kit on their PE days (Monday and Wednesday) Mental maths and spelling tests are every Friday and homework will be given out on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday please.