# 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)
- 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

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.
	<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	Biomes  - 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.
	<u>Electricity</u>		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 the simple circuit used in a hand torch	golo	and merging these components together to create a visually striking composition. They will build upon
	- Recognise electric current is measured in amperes,	hnc	their skills of pencil control, composition, line and
e	current is a flow of charge	Тес	colour.
Science	- Associate the brightness of a lamp or volume of a	gu	
Sci	buzzer with the potential difference in a circuit	esi	
	Investigate the brightness of a bulb if the PD is	] pu	<u>Design Technology: Kitchen – Vegetable Curry</u>
	increased or the number of bulbs increased in a series	Art and Design Technology	Pupils will build on their knowledge of cultural
	circuit	Ā	influences on the Great British Menu and eating seasonally. Adapting recipes to change the
	- Investigate how the length of wire affects 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.		
	Module 1, Unit 1: Calming the Storm		
	Story sessions		
ш	Module 1, Unit 2: Me, My Body, My Health	<del>د</del>	Unit 1 – House Descriptions
PSHE	Pupils will focus on their gifts and talents, girls bodies, boys bodies, spots and sleep.	French	Pupils will focus on different rooms inside and outside of the house. Describe these rooms and their ideal
	Module 1, Unit 3: Emotional Well-Being	Fr	house and bedroom.
	Pupils will focus on body image and peculiar feelings,		
	emotional changes and what they see online.		
	Y6 Library Visit – Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> September		Ideally the children will read at least 1 book each
	Y6 RAP (Risks at Play) Event, South Shields Fire		week this term and complete the accompanying quiz.
tes	Station – Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> October (am only)		To ensure our class library has a good selection for the children to choose from, please ensure books are
۵	Flu Vaccine (in school) – Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Ę	returned to school after they have been read.
ant	Mass of Thanksgiving – Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> October		Please encourage children to learn and revise
ort	Robinwood Residential – Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	atic	spellings, times tables and mental arithmetic for their
<u>ਛ</u>	October	ırm	weekly tests. Please check the children have
/ s	INSET day – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Info	everything they need for school i.e. PE kit, water
Trip	W.C 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November – HALF TERM	Key Information	bottles, and that they complete their homework on
Events / Trips / Important Dates	Y6 Library Visit – Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> November (TBC)  Mass in Church – Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> November (10am)	¥	time. PE kit – children are to wear their PE kit on their PE
ent	Y6 Celebration of the Word (9am) – Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>		days (Monday and Wednesday)
益	November (TBC)		Mental maths and spelling tests are every Friday and
	Parents' Meetings – Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> December		homework will be given out on a Friday to be
			completed by the following Friday please.

Mass / Christmas Service in Church — Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	
December (2pm)	
Break up for Christmas Holidays – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	
(1:30pm)	