

Autumn 1



Year 6

Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Year 6! We are very excited for the year ahead. 😊

It has been lovely to see the children settling well into life in Year 6 already! During the year, we are looking forward to working closely with you to help prepare the children for their transition to secondary school, the new responsibilities that come with being in Year 6 and their end of KS2 assessments. We are very much looking forward to meeting you all on **Monday 16th September** for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. You will get to meet the staff team in Year 6, see your child's classroom, find out about life in Year 6 and ask questions! In the meantime, please feel free to say hello to us after school or contact us @ parents@emersonvalley.org.uk and we will aim to get back to you ASAP.

The members of the Year 6 team are:

Mrs Faulkner (Team Leader) 6LF	Mrs Prince (HLTA)
Mr Caswell (Class Teacher) 6DC	Mrs Mason (LSA)
Mrs Terry (Class Teacher) 6DT	Mrs Hyde (LSA)
Mrs Marshall (Class Teacher) 6AM	

The Curriculum

English

In English, children will be using our class book, **'The Firework Maker's Daughter'** by Philip Pullman as a writing stimulus and will learn to write an effective narrative. Later this term, they will continue to develop these skills through the stimulus of **'Paperman'** – a short film by the Walt Disney Company. They will revise the writing features from Y5 as well as be introduced to the new features in Y6. They will then apply the features they learn in each of these sessions to an independent, assessed piece of writing. We will be starting to build a portfolio of your child's independent pieces of writing for their end of KS2 assessments. The children will have a weekly SPAG lesson focusing on grammar and punctuation.

Reading

The children have access to the school library and mini libraries in their classrooms which are filled with lots of new and exciting books. Please encourage your child to read at home daily. Listen to them read and read to them too! They are never too old to be read to. Reading Records will be checked on Mondays and we expect to see **at least 4** entries in their record. Please make sure that children have reading records in **every day** as we aim to read with the children in class regularly. Our class book this half term is **The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman**. In our whole class reading lessons, we will be exploring this book as well as **Matilda by Roald Dahl**, **Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin**, a **biography of Charles Darwin** and **Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah**.

Maths

In Maths, the children will learn about place value, the four operations and fractions. Their times tables knowledge is crucial for maths lessons in Year 6. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables on <https://trockstars.com/>.

In **Science**, the children will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance.

In **Geography**, the children will be looking at Climate Change.

In **R.E** the children will be learning all about: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?

In **Computing**, the children will be building on their knowledge of Coding using Purple Mash.

In **Art**, the children will explore tools, understanding and applying chiaroscuro, and creating symbolic and expressive drawings.

In **Music**, the children will be looking at Edward Elgar's Enigma variations as well as using this piece of music to create their own variation to perform in small groups.

In **P.E**, the children will be learning the skills of football and basketball.

In **PSHE**, children will be exploring the unit of 'Being Me in my world'.

Spellings

The children have been tested on the Y3/4 and the Y5/6 words this week and will be sent home with a list of the incorrect spellings highlighted for them to learn. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings as they are expected to know all of the spellings on these lists. Children **will not** have weekly spelling tests this year.

Homework

English/Maths Homework will be set on SATs Companion every Monday starting from **Monday 16th September**. Homework is compulsory in Year 6 so we expect that all children will have it completed. Children will also receive a grid where they can choose to do one creative task each week. They will have a chance to present/bring in their creative homework during the last week of term.

Things to remember

Year 6 have P.E on **Monday and Wednesday**. They must come to school wearing their PE kits.



Monday 16th September @3:30p.m. - Y6 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

Please note that Mrs Terry will not be available on Monday 16th September. Parents of children in 6DT are still welcome to attend the Information part of the event on Monday 16th and are then invited into school on Thursday 19th to meet Mrs Terry at 3:30p.m. if they wish!



The Citizens Portal opens on 1st September 2024 for parents and carers to apply online for a secondary school place. The closing date is **31st October 2024** and all applications must be made before the closing date to receive a school place offer on 3rd March 2025 (national offer day).