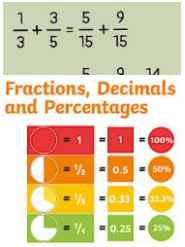
6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Class Curriculum Newsletter – Year 6 – Autumn 2

Welcome back after October half term. The Year 6 team hope that you all had an enjoyable break. We have been very impressed with the effort and attitudes the children displayed in class in the first term and it was great to talk to so many of you, during parents' evening to update you on your child's progress so far.
This term, we have Bikeability, Remembrance Day, a trip to see the Pantomime in Bristol, our Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert and much more to look forward to this term! In Class, we have some exciting topics planned to engage the classes and we look forward to continuing to watch the children develop in all areas of the curriculum.

Maths



As we start Term 2, we will be tackling everything fractions based, from and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators through to dividing fractions by integers. Once mastered, we will then look at how fractions link to decimals and percentages.



English and Guided Reading

Our novel this term is 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. We will be using this to cover the key skills in English and during Guided Reading. This enchanting book is about the life of Hugo Cabret. He is a 12-year-old orphan living in a Paris train station in the late 1920s, tasked with secretly maintaining the station's clocks. His life is a mix of secrecy and survival until he meets an old man who owns the toy shop. Then, he gets involved in a mystery centered around a broken automaton, the only keepsake from his late father. What will we learn about Hugo?



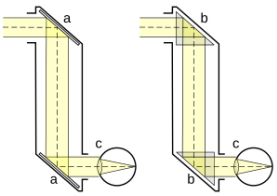
Art

The learning and exploration this term will be based around how artists express their feelings through art, from Street art and murals, through to the shading techniques used to show texture, tone and depth.



Science

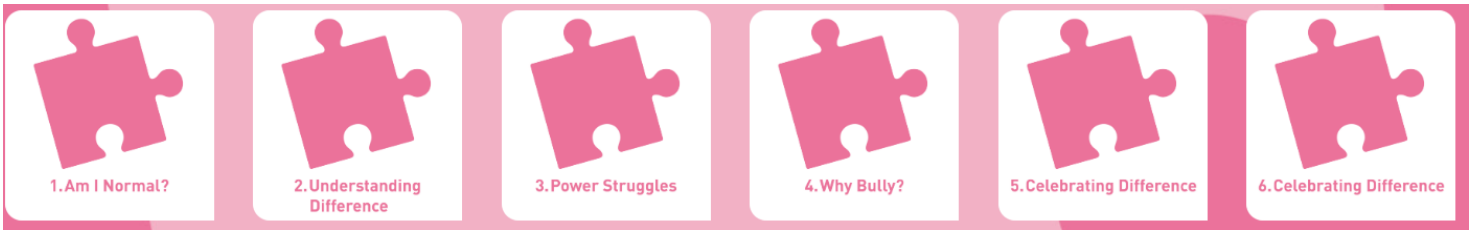
The children will be learning the pathway of light and how the human eye works so we can see and elements that affect reflection and refraction. Within the topic, we will be investigating shadows and how a periscope works. We will even attempt to build one that allows us to see round corners.



PE

Our days for PE this year are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays.** Our indoor topic on a Tuesday is fitness, where we will work on different circuits to improve our agility and stamina. On a Thursday we will be developing the passing and moving tactics to find space and refining our passing techniques to improve accuracy. These skills will be covered in rugby sessions outdoors.

PSHE: Our unit this term is 'Celebrating difference' and the blocks of learning are:



Geography

Why does population change? The children will be investigating many learning goals including: why certain parts of the world are more populated than others; learning what birth and death rates are and discussing the factors that influence them; and understanding that migration can be voluntary and involuntary, and that it is influenced by external factors that are environmental, economic and social.



Homework routines

So you are aware of the expectations surrounding homework with the Year 6 children and are able to support/remind your children, we will set the following on a weekly basis:

Reading	Each child will bring home a banded book and a free choice book. The expectation is for them to record evidence of reading for a minimum of **five** days. It is good practice to have these books with them each day and every Friday, the reading records will be marked and recorded to monitor the amount being read at home. The children will receive 1 house point for every read they do to a maximum of 5 points per week.
Spelling Shed 	Each Friday, your child will be set a new group of words that will have been looked at in class. These words are taken from the key lists that we have been working on. The expectation is that the children complete the written task and hand it in by the following Friday. For further help, children can log on at home and complete the activities for a minimum of five games. The following Friday, they will be tested on these words in school and then a new set will be introduced.
Times Table Rockstars 	To support the development, speed and precision of the children's times tables, we have access to the website: Times Tables Rockstars. Throughout the school year, the children will compete in competitions against other classes. It is expected that the children access this weekly.

Where the children have to log in to websites, all the passwords and usernames are stored in their reading record books.

Finally, if you have any questions or issues that you would like to raise, we are always on the door each morning and most afternoons. If you have missed us or are unable to drop off/pick up, you can drop an email to admin@westleaschool.org.uk with our name in the message and it will be forwarded directly to us.

With thanks,

Ms Cannon, Miss Webster and the Year 6 Team