



# The Curriculum Newsletter Year 6

## Term: Spring 2

### An Overview of the Theme

This half-term, our theme in Year 6 will be continuing our learning about the ancient civilisation of The Mayans and we will be discovering more about The Americas working up to answering our enquiry question:

**How are the Americas different to the United Kingdom?**

#### English



Our class text this half term is *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* by Mordcai Gerstein. Whilst reading this book your child will:

- Write a letter
- Write a newspaper report
- Write a play script
- Write an eye witness statement

We will also be spending time continuing our development of the understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) as we work towards our SATs tests in May.

#### Mathematics

Your child will be learning about fractions, measure (Imperial and Metric) and ratio and proportion

Fractions-

- use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination
- compare and order fractions, including fractions  $>1$
- add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions
- multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form
- divide proper fractions by whole numbers
- associate a fraction with division and calculate decimal fraction equivalents for a simple fraction
- identify the value of each digit in numbers given to three decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000 giving answers up to three decimal places
- multiply one-digit numbers with up to 2 decimal places by whole numbers
- use written division methods in cases where the answer has up to 2 decimal places
- solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy

Measure-

- solve problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure, using decimal notation up to 2 decimal places where appropriate
- use, read, write and convert between standard units, converting measurements of length, mass, volume and time from a smaller unit of measure to a larger unit, and vice versa.
- convert between miles and kilometres

Ratio and Proportion

- solve problems involving the relative sizes of two quantities where missing values can be found by using integer multiplication and division facts
- solve problems involving the calculation of percentages and the use of percentages for comparison
- solve problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found
- solve problems involving unequal sharing and grouping using knowledge of fractions and multiples.

#### Visits and Visitors

University of Nottingham Civil Rights  
 Trip-Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

#### Reminders

##### PE

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Year 6 will have PE on a Thursday.  
 School PE kit should be worn.

In school Wellbeing Workshop-

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

SATS week-**Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

### How Can You Help?

We value the support of all parents and carers. If you feel that you can help in any way with the work we are covering then please let us know or if you would like any further information regarding this term's curriculum please do not hesitate to contact school.

We hope you have had a lovely time over the half term. This half term will have a large focus on supporting the children's confidence as we move towards their SATS tests in May. The Year 6 team are looking forward to seeing you all and working together to continue our very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 6 has to offer!

Thank you.

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Ferris and Mrs Walsh

### SATs Boosters

Football kits are **not** allowed.

Some children will be taking part in SATs booster sessions this half term-your child will receive a separate letter for this if they are taking part. These sessions will provide extra time for children to develop their skills and also provide opportunities to talk about any areas which they feel less sure about.

### Uniform

School uniform **must** be worn at all times (except for during PE). Every year 6 pupil has been provided with a blazer which must be worn every day. In hot weather children will be told when blazers are not required to be brought to school.

Please send your child with a water bottle every day.

### Homework

**Reading-** Please read with your child at least 3 times a week. Your child may read their books independently but their diaries must be signed by an adult. Please make sure your child's diary is in school every day.

**Maths and English Study Guides-** This half term children will be set work frequently from their study guides. The children will be informed of the pages they need to complete and these pages will also be posted on dojo.

**TT Rockstars-**Please ensure that your child is accessing TT Rockstars where possible as this is a fantastic way for them to increase the speed of their timestables which will really help them when they take their SATs in May.

**CGP Books-**If you are looking to invest in something to support your child's learning at home the Year 6 CGP books are fantastic and cover all the areas which will be tested in your child's SATs.