

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1



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Diary Dates

1st and 3rd

October —

Mary Rose Museum.

Please keep your eye out for a letter about our upcoming trip.

Each class will go on a different day.

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to getting to know you all this year. Year 6 is such an important year for all of the children as we will be preparing them for their transition to secondary school and their SATs tests, which they will sit in May. We understand that you may not have met your child's new teacher yet, so please contact us via email or pop in after school if you have any questions or concerns about your child, or if you would just like to say hi!

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Year 6 Team

We are very lucky this year to have a team of experienced staff working in year 6. The Year 6 Team are looking forward to helping every child grow, learn and succeed so they can reach their full potential and help support their transition to secondary school.

Teaching assistants: Miss Leggett, Miss Fewings, Mrs Harvey

ART

In art, we will be creating a portrait in the style of Hans Holbein (a Tudor artist). Can you research Hans Holbein's art at home?

PE will be on **Thursday** afternoon. Children may continue to wear their PE kits into school on these days, as long as they are in line with our uniform policy.

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black or blue shorts
- Primsole or trainers
- Long hair tied up

In cold weather, children will be able to wear a jumper or plain track suit bottoms for outdoor PE.

Spellings

Year six is an important year for your child and we would like to make it a journey the children enjoy and remember as they prepare to move onto secondary school. This is a job we take seriously and would like to ask for your support at home to ensure that the children not only reach their full potential but are relaxed and calm on their journey. Over the year your child, will have spellings and homework tasks to help support this and we would like to ask that if possible you support your child with these.

English

This half term, the children will be looking at the texts: Coraline, Night of the Gargoyles and Great Expectations.



The children will be exploring use of language and how we can affect the reader with our word and sentence choices.

RE

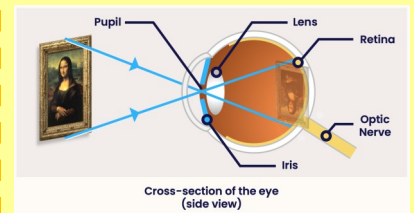
In RE, we will be learning about the religion of Islam. The children will learn the beliefs behind Muslim practices and understand how Muslims show commitment each day, highlighting the importance of Allah to Muslims.

Maths

This half term, we will be recapping lots of our Year 5 learning, such as place value and addition and subtraction. Afterwards, we will learn how to find the perimeter and area of shapes. Finally, we will recap common factors, prime numbers and multiplication and division. This will help us to solve longer $\times$ and $\div$ questions.

Science

As scientists, we are learning about how light travels and how we can see. We will be looking at the eye in detail to understand how light is vital for sight.



Times tables

Across the school, children are working on improving their times tables and we would really appreciate your support at home too.

We have recently restarted using TT rockstars, which is an app we use to support times tables. All children have an individual login.

Please encourage your child to practise as much as they can at home.

History

Our key question is: Why did the Mary Rose Sink? We are so excited to be visiting the Mary Rose Museum to support our learning this half term! We will explore different sources to help us decide why the Mary Rose sank. Can you make a poster at home about the Tudor period?