



Year 6 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

I trust you all had a relaxing half term break and I would like to begin by welcoming you back to the second half of our Autumn term.



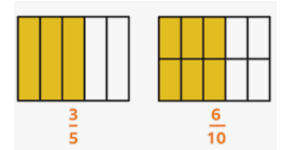
English

This year we will be allocating some time each day to GaPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling). This focused time will allow your child to become more familiar with grammatical terms to support them with their learning for SATs.

Our English lessons will be focused around our class text: 'The Place for Me: Stories about the Windrush Generation' which will support your children to understand the contributions from people of African and Caribbean heritage to British history. Throughout this unit, your child will be completing non-fiction writing tasks: report writing, letter writing and creating persuasive posters.

Maths

As part of our Maths learning, we will be working to develop your child's fluency of key skills, reasoning and problem solving. This half term will predominantly be focused around fractions as they form a large part of the End of Key Stage 2 Assessments which your child will be completing in May 2024.



Each day, your child will also be completing 'Hot Spots' in Maths, which solely focuses on the four calculations, so they can become more confident when working with calculation methods. This helps to form the foundation for the Year 6 Maths curriculum.

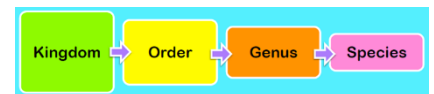


Topic

This half term, we will begin our learning in topic with a History topic called 'Which monarch would have earned the respect of Robin Hood?' This will allow us to compare the laws of different monarchs and to reflect on which monarchs we think have been the most effective during their reign. This topic will be supported with our educational visit to Sherwood Forest.

Science

As part of our learning in Science, we will be exploring 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Throughout this topic, we will be looking at classifying animals and plants, learning about the scientist Carl Linnaeus and even discovering all about helpful and unhelpful micro-organisms.



Physical Education

This half term we will be focusing on game skills in basketball which will be led by a Mr Hardy (our sports' coach) and developing stamina through circuit training.

Our P.E. sessions will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Your child should ensure they come to school wearing the correct PE kit on these days. PE kits should consist of **blue/black shorts/jogging bottoms, white polo shirt, blue/black jacket and trainers**. Jewellery is **not permitted** during our P.E. sessions and any children wearing earrings will need to remove these as we are **unable** to cover earrings with tape. **Please note if you wish for your child not to take part in P.E. then written notification will be required as this is a compulsory part of our curriculum.**



Homework

The recommendation for pupils in Y6 is that they complete 30 minutes of learning at home each day, in addition to the time they spend reading.

Homework book and spellings

Each week your child will receive two homework tasks:

- 1) A weekly activity sheet which will be a revision task of the learning we have carried out in class.
- 2) A spelling list to practise for a test which will be based on a spelling pattern they are required to know by the end of Key Stage 2.

These will be issued on a **Friday** and will be marked / tested the following **Friday**.



Reading


It is also recommended that your child should read a minimum of **3 times a week** to support their learning in school. Each day your child will bring home their reading journals and their book-banded reading book. We will be checking the reading records in school and those who are reading **3 times a week** will be given a raffle ticket to be entered into the draw to win a book from the book vending machine in school. **Please note that all comments in the reading records must be signed off by an adult at home.**



Creative Homework Grid

Your child has received a copy of this half term's 'Creative Home Grid'. This is optional but highly encouraged in Year 6 as a means of preparing your child for receiving a larger amount of homework at secondary school next year.

Y6 Creative Homework Grid
Can you achieve 50 points this half term?



Visit Sherwood Forest with your family and take a photograph of yourself with the Major Oak. (10 points)

Research who Robin Hood's merry men were. (5 points)

Write your own Robin Hood legend. (20 points)

Make a model of a den that would be suitable for Robin Hood to hide in. You will need to think about everything he will need to survive. (10 points)

Visit Nottingham Castle with your family and take a photograph of yourself with the statue of Robin Hood. (10 points)

Write a letter from Robin Hood to the Sheriff of Nottingham to persuade him to reduce the taxes. (10 points)

Design a pattern to decorate your own arrow fletch. (5 points)

Research Henry VIII's wives and what happened to them. (10 points)

Make a model of how Nottingham Castle would have looked in the year 1200. (20 points)

Dates for your diary

2025		
Date	Event	Details
Friday 14 th November 2025	Children in Need	Pupils are invited to wear spots and stripes (donation requested).
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	KS2 Pantomime Visit	Further details to follow.
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Christmas fair	This event will begin at 3:15pm
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Christmas dinner day	Please speak to the office to order your child's Christmas dinner.
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas disco	This event will begin at 3:45pm – 4:45pm
Friday 12 th December 2025	KS2 Christmas Performance	This event will begin at 9:30am.
Monday 15 th December 2025	KS2 Christmas Performance	This event will begin at 2:00pm.
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Owlets and Owls Christmas party	Further details to follow.
Friday 19 th December 2025	Break up for Christmas	N/A
2026		
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Pupils return to school for the Spring term	N/A
W/C Monday 11 th May 2026	SATS Week	Further details to follow.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and speak to any member of the Y6 Owls team.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Brough, Mrs Bray and Mrs Wilkinson
The Y6 Team

Together, we can achieve anything!