

Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High



Welcome to our first term in Year Six,

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready to work hard this term! We have lots to learn and I am very excited about the topics we will be covering over the year. There will be a huge focus upon number strategies this half term; everybody must have quick recall of their times tables (in and out of order) to help us undertake complex sums more efficiently.

PE

This year, we are very lucky to have a professional sports coach in school teaching Year 6 for one hour a week. This session will cover a broad range of physical skills and sports which is a fantastic opportunity. This coaching session will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and I will teach our other hour of P.E on a Monday afternoon. **You must have your P.E kit on a Monday and Tuesday.**

Homework, Spellings and Reading

Like last year, Learning Log and maths homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period of time, such as a mini-project. Reading books need to be changed frequently and don't forget to bring your Reading Journal and book in everyday so that we can keep track of the books you are reading. Like last year, reading records will be checked on a Tuesday and Friday. Spellings for the entire term will be glued into Learning Logs at the beginning of each term, I expect you to learn your spellings week by week throughout the term.

Other Adults in the class

This year, we are very lucky to have the support of Mrs Baldwin throughout Year 6. Mrs Baldwin will be with us for one hour every morning - supporting with English or Maths. She will also be supporting the Sports Coach for one hour a week and the other hour she will teach R.E to Year 6.

Miss Mathison

The Mayans



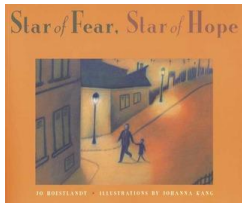
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Our first topic will focus on the Mayan civilization, where we will look at what life was like in contrast to British history.

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on the units Earth and Space; and also Light. We will find out fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth as well as developing an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the Moon's phases. Within Light, we will learn that to see, light needs to enter the eye and investigate light reflection & refraction.

This year, we will teach art and DT in blocks at the end of the half terms. In **Art** we will learn about Mexican Art; looking at printing and pattern making. In **DT** we will develop our skills within textiles, looking at designing and weaving a Mexican mat.



In **English** we will be focusing our learning around a book called *Star of Fear, Star of Hope* which is focused around World War II. Throughout the term, we will focus on diaries, letters and narratives as well as completing extended writing within our topic work. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of grammatical terms and look at how to apply the skills correctly.

In **Maths** we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme of work which develops the children's fluency with number and their mastery at applying these skills to problems and puzzles. We will start the year with work on number place value and then spend several weeks on the four operations of number. In the second half term we will look at fractions and geometry.



Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of the Mayans. We will learn what life was like in the Mayan civilization; looking at daily life, food, gods and achievements. We will also develop our enquiry skills further by contrasting the Mayans to British history. Within Geography, we will continue to build upon our knowledge of maps and atlases.



In **Computing** we will be looking at Internet Safety. What is cyber bullying and how can we deal with it? What privacy rules should we use online and how can we be a good digital citizen?

After half term, we will be coding using the free to download program- Scratch.

In **Music** we will have weekly sessions of an afternoon where we will start by looking at the Bon Jovi hit 'Living On A Prayer'.

In **R.E** we will be focusing on Islam across both terms. We will specifically look at why the Five Pillars of Islam are important to Muslims and how Muslim beliefs relate to Allah (God).



In **PE** we will be covering Dance, Games, Gym and fitness throughout the term. One hour of P.E a week will be taught by a specialist sports coach and the other will be taught by me.

In **French**, we will be revisiting our French vocabulary looking specifically at time, all about me and daily life of a pupil. After the half term we will develop our vocabulary further focusing on 'Where I live and where others live'.