

## Year 6 Curriculum News - Spring Term 2025 - Mrs Jenkins

**Literacy** – We will be covering a range of genres this term; however, there will be an emphasis on short stories and argumentative writing. The children will also be investigating information and explanation texts and carrying out lots of speaking and listening tasks.

Included in the topics there will be a range of work focusing on grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Our class novel for the term is 'The Blackthorn Branch' by Elen Caldecott. Pupils will need to have a copy of the book in school.

**How can you help?** – Please ensure that your child has learnt the weekly spellings and wherever and whenever possible, enjoy a book together.

**Maths** – Number work will continue to build on the pupils' knowledge of place value and the four number operations – multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. We will be looking at fractions and how they relate to decimal numbers and percentages, negative numbers, sequences and the nth term and averages (mean, median, mode and range). Shape, data, and measure work will include work on angles, data handling and symmetry. Pupils will be taught to use different mathematical strategies through problem solving and mental maths activities.

**How can you help?** – Practise the times tables with your pupils and encourage pupils to complete their maths homework on MyMaths.

**Topic:** This term our topic is 'Survival.' This topic has a science focus and teaches children about endangered animals and fantastic beasts. We will learn about the function of the circulatory system and micro-organisms, focusing on bacteria and the impact these can have on the human body. At the heart of this project children write scientific accounts and develop additional skills in writing explanatory texts.

**How can you help?** Encouraging extra research at home and assisting with homework would be great!

**PE** – Our P.E. days are **Thursdays** and **Fridays**. It is very important that every pupil takes part in as much PE as possible. It is therefore vital that they have the correct kit with them. Due to our changeable weather, pupils will need to ensure they have a kit that can be used both indoors and outdoor every week.

**RE** – The topic for the first half term is "Other Faiths".

**ICT** – This term the children will learn about data handling, creating, using and analysing databases. We will also be looking at algorithms and debugging. We will be using Computer Aided Design software to plan, design and edit before printing in 3D.

**Welsh** - The children will be introduced to topic related vocabulary throughout the term and be involved in a variety of activities so that their knowledge, understanding and skills are developed within an integrated programme of speaking and listening, reading and writing.

## **General Information**

### Home – School Contact

Homework Books - ***Pupils will use this book for their weekly spellings and their homework.***

### Home Readers / Home Reading

This term we will continue to read as a class every afternoon. Children will have the opportunity to develop comprehension skills during these sessions. We will read an eBook during the first few weeks to develop our short story writing skills. We will then read the novel 'The Blackthorn Branch' by Elen Caldecott. It will be important for all children to have a copy of the book to use in class.

The importance of listening to your child read regularly at home is as great as ever.

### Homework

- This will be sent home on a Thursday and pupils will, in most cases, have until Monday to complete this work. Pupils are expected to complete their homework by the due date!
- Spellings – Pupils will have daily spelling lessons and a test on a Monday.

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