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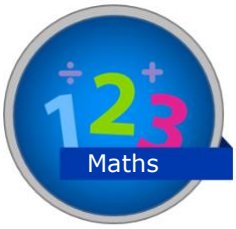
Year 6 Curriculum News

SUMMER TERM 2025-2026



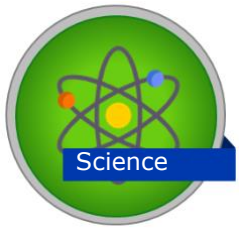
English

This term we will start by reading the book Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. This language-rich picture book follows the true story of how Shackleton and his crew managed to survive their epic adventure, and a testament to their great courage and endurance. In response, we shall be writing our own endurance narratives and creating magazine articles on the topic. Later in the term, we will be exploring 'Hansel and Gretel' by Neil Gaiman. This is a brilliant retelling of the classic Grimm tale and will provide the inspiration for both descriptive writing and a complex dual narrative. Both texts are beautifully illustrated which we believe will strongly help children with their creativity and storytelling ability. Alongside writing lessons, the children will have daily whole-class reading sessions where they will be immersed in a selection of high-quality texts with the aim of supporting their reading comprehension skills. Our main text is Pig-Heart Boy.



Maths

At the beginning of the term we will cover geometry, with a particular focus on properties of shapes. We will then continue revising all areas of the KS2 curriculum with a focus on mathematical vocabulary and word problems. Rapid recall of multiplication facts and being able to carry out methods of calculation for all 4 processes accurately, including long multiplication and division, are a key area to focus on at home. Children should be encouraged to discuss and explain their reasoning when completing tasks for home learning to consolidate their understanding and identify areas of weakness to focus upon. Later in the term, we will be learning about personal finances and the application of mathematics in our everyday lives.



Science

Our Science topics are Electricity and Light. Our first focus is on 'Light' and the unit takes the children through a series of lessons where they learn how to: recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines; explain that objects
can be seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye; and finally, explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.
The unit on Electricity builds on prior learning as we learn explore what electricity is, how we use it safely and expand our knowledge of circuits. This will include learning about the impact of voltage, the difference between series and parallel circuits and the symbols used when representing a simple circuit in diagram form.



Topic

Geography this term focuses on our local area and considering why it is special. This will involve identifying the location and features of the region, noting any changes to the area through history, exploring types of housing and public services and locating these on maps. It will also include opportunities to plan and carry out fieldwork. Our work in History will link to this as we research and compare the impact of the First and Second World Wars on our locality. The focus of the sessions is primarily on the Home Front and how the wars impacted on the community – including the lives of children. Design Technology learning will be centred around Celebrating culture and seasonality in regards to food and, specifically, yeast-based snacks. This will entail evaluating existing products, considering intended consumers and then making our own examples of yeast-based bread and snacks.



Additional Information

This is an action-packed term with SATs, new school visits and the Year 6 Production all to come. As much as possible, we will avoid SATs becoming a stressful time and will endeavour to make sure the children are comfortable with the process prior to sitting them. They have worked very hard and this is just another chance to show their knowledge! We will also be undertaking a variety of activities to help make the children's transfer to secondary school goes as smoothly as possible. This should be an exciting end to the children's time at Cedar Park!