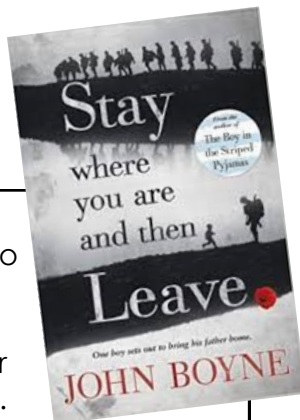




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English

The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel: *'Stay where you are and then Leave'* by John Boyne (author of *The Boy in Striped Pyjamas*).

This will inspire composition of diary entries. Features of year 6 writing will be explored in more detail such as, passive voice, using appropriate layout devices, linking sentences and paragraphs with relevant words and phrases (cohesive devices) and writing with the audience in mind.

The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering, in detail, the vocabulary choices made by the author.

Welcome to year 6!

This term will see a focus on reading, writing and maths to ensure secure skills are in place to support learning throughout year 6. The class novel will act as a stimulus for discovering more about World War 1.

Children will be encouraged to read daily and to capture 'Rich Vocabulary' as they come across it.

Mathematics

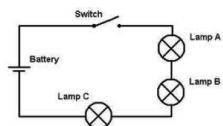
In 'number and place value', children will be ordering and comparing numbers to 10,000,000 as well as rounding numbers. Children will apply their understanding of place value to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000.

Secure times tables recall underpins much of year 6 maths; there are 66 facts to remember and the children should be able to recall all of these. To keep knowledge of these facts fresh, children are required to log on to Times Tables Rocks Stars each week at home.

As the term progresses, reviewing formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be a key area of focus.

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Science



The topic for this term's science is electricity. Year 6 will construct simple circuits and discuss potential reasons for successful and unsuccessful circuits. They will draw simple circuit diagrams using the appropriate symbols.

Weekly schedules:

- Mon: PM Mrs Watkins & Exposure Sports (PE)
- Tues: Homework and Reading Records to be handed in
- Wed: All day Miss Screech (Incl. PE)
- Thurs:
- Friday: Homework books given out

PE

Hockey and invasion games will help the class to develop skills to work as a team, learn from their team's performance in a competitive sport and offer suggestions to improve.

RE

Class 6 will consider the Islam Faith and consider the question: 'What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment'





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Geography

Using the class novel as inspiration, class 6 will map the locations involved in WW1 with atlases, globes and digital maps to locate countries and towns.

DT

'Mend and Make Do'
 A chance to be creative and up cycle an item that is broken or can no longer be used.



Art

Artwork inspired by WW1 artist Paul Nash which will allow children to develop painting techniques and colour mixing.

Music

'Happy'

Computing

Issues relating to Cyberbullying will be explored in the eSafety unit.

The rest of the term will be spent learning about Spreadsheets through the Purple Mash resource. This will be extended into using these skills in Microsoft Excel or the Numbers app.

MFL

Le week-end

This term's focus areas for children are to:

- say what they do using the 1st person
- say what they don't do using set phrases
- say what other people do using il/elle
- say what they like/dislike doing



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PSHE

'Being Me in My World'

This sequence of lessons explores potential goals, children's rights, being a global citizen and developing a learning charter.

Your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to arrange to see me or talk on the phone, should you ever need to.
 Email via the school office.
 Mrs Swanson

How you can support your child at home:

Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day.

Celebrate your child selecting a book from the Reading Rocket Challenge or one that is different from the type/author that they would usually pick.

Look for rich vocabulary together in books and films then make a note of these words and try to use them in everyday conversations.

Talk about the 66 times tables facts and practise any that they still find tricky. Ask them how they can use their tables knowledge to solve 13 x 7 (10x7 + 3x7) and similar questions.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 7 th Sept	11+ Preparation tests
Wed 8 th Sept	4:30pm Meet The Teacher
Thursday 9 th Sept	11+ Transfer tests
Friday 24 th Sept	Macmillan coffee morning
Friday 8 th Oct	Harvest food collection
Tuesday 5 th Oct	Residential meeting
Friday 15 th Oct	Transfer test results
Wed 20 th Oct	Individual photographs
Friday 22 nd Oct	Last day of term