

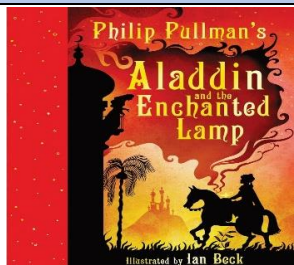


YEAR 6

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Year 6: Let's get started by introducing the classes. Trent class is taught by Mr Horne, Loxley class is taught by Mrs Wilson and the new class for year 6 is Newstead, taught by Miss Cranney. Mr Shaw continues to be our Year 6 Teaching Assistant. Miss Bloomfield is Year 5 & 6 Phase Leader and Year 6 Transition Lead. We hope that you have had wonderful summer filled with joyful experiences and are ready to start your final year: uniforms ready, diaries ready and enthusiasm for learning.

ENGLISH

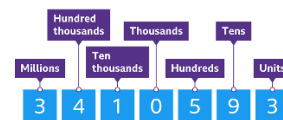


We are reading *Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp* – an exciting adventure book filled with magic and charm. Much of our writing opportunities will help to build skills in writing fiction texts: character descriptions of a genie and action scenes. Magic awaits, but are you ready?

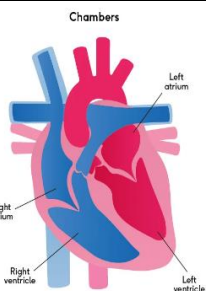
Then as we move into autumn 2 term, we will be writing non-fiction texts linked with our history and science units – writing about the Eatwell guide to promote physical and mental well-being, and then a detailed information text about the city of Baghdad during its golden age as a centre for learning and commerce.

MATHS

This year, we will begin with some key arithmetic skills using the four operation and place value. Understanding the function of the decimal point and comparing the size of numbers according to their place value are key to the success of autumn term. Once we are secure on our core skills of the four operations and place value, we will swiftly move on to solving problems in real life contexts. Mathletics and TT Rockstars are great places to encourage your child to practise their skills and they can earn themselves special awards and certificates for scoring the most points and achieving each level. In addition to those special awards, they will feel more confident for their lessons. Log in details will be reissued to all children in the first week back.



SCIENCE



How does blood travel around the human body?

We all have the circulatory system: delivering oxygen, water and nutrients. Amazingly, we will explore real life organs, create our very own working lungs and discover the importance of nutritional information in the food we eat. Developing skills as a scientist, we will be learning to improve our science knowledge by planning experiments, reporting results and making conclusions. Children have log in details for Developing Experts.

GEOGRAPHY

In autumn 2, we will learn all about global trade and Fairtrade. Through looking at imports, exports and we will discover how products are manufactured and transported all around the world. Just before the Christmas break, we will head to Tesco to purchase our Fairtrade food items and produce sourced locally (UK grown).



HISTORY



During the golden age of Islam, the city of Baghdad was influential in art, science, maths and literature—so we begin our historical journey of discovery here. The world has lots to be thankful for from this powerful and civilisation: medicines, inventions and even medical stitches. In fact, the numbers we use today are as a result of the work that took place here!

In addition to this we learn about the trade routes of Asia and the importance of the House of Wisdom.

BBC Bitesize England Primary curriculum has lots to offer your children in preparation for this fascinating unit of work which includes quizzes, videos and research opportunities too. Head to the website and select English national curriculum.

ART		DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY	
		As the colder months close in, we will plan, prepare and cook our own seasonal stew using food items that have been sourced from the UK to reduce our carbon footprint. Making stew gives us the opportunity to practice food prep skills and learn about different cooking techniques: boiling, frying and baking.	
The work of renowned artist Lubaina Himid – an artist originally from Zanzibar – will inspire our own projects in the autumn term. We will take our 2D art and construct 3D pieces so that our audience can feel immersed in the pieces. We link our art work with our history unit (Baghdad) and produce Islamic doorways and window frames.			
PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION		RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION	
		In RSE we will be learning about the differences between males and females throughout puberty. Also, we will be looking at relationships and celebrating differences and treating others with respect. Book recommendation that supports our learning within RSE: What's happening to me?	
What makes a good friend? What types of relationships do you have? In PSHE this half-term we will learn to answer these questions and more by taking part in class discussions, role-play and group work. We will advertise for friends and learn to keep ourselves safe within the relationships that we build.			
COMPUTING		CYBER SAFETY	
		Staying safe online is vital as we spend much of time online socially and for learning. Updates will be shared in assemblies, in PSHE and in computing lessons but the key messages remain: keep personal information secure and do not share log in details with other people.	
Our first module is iProgram. This is a fantastic way to start coding in computer gaming where we test different algorithms in gaming and test 'if, then' commands. We use Scratch and Kodu to design our games and characters before testing them.			
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		DIVERSITY CALENDAR	
		This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:	
Respecting and tolerating are key attributes for a good year 6 student. We take time in the autumn term to explore the ideas of tolerance within our community groups and observe the contributions made by different groups.		➤ National Inclusion Week ➤ World Alzheimer's Day ➤ International Day of Sign Language ➤ Black History month ➤ Yom Kippur (Jewish) ➤ Harvest Festival (Christian) ➤ Show Racism the Red Card ➤ Diwali (Sikh and Hindu) ➤ Armistice Day ➤ World Kindness Day ➤ St Andrew's Day (Scotland) ➤ Human Rights Day ➤ Hanukkah (Jewish) ➤ World Mental Health Day ➤ Anti-slavery Day ➤ World Teacher's Day ➤ International Day of Tolerance ➤ World Children's Day ➤ International Day of Person's with Disabilities	

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know....exercise makes your brain function better?



On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings before they come to school as hoops and large stud designs can cause injury or get caught occasionally on equipment.

PE is scheduled to be on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings for the first half term.

We are lucky to have Mr Kiggins join us for year 6 PE and once again the Nottingham Forest Football Club staff will also be joining us.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES

My child is in the new year 6 class (Newstead with Miss Cranney). Where do they need to go in the morning?

Miss Cranney's new class are using one of the year 4 classes (Mr Jones' old class). They should enter their new class just around the corner from year 6. Miss Cranney or Mr Shaw will be on hand to direct them in the morning and to help parents collecting in the afternoon.

How and when can I speak to my child's teacher?

Please see a member of staff at the year 6 doors at the end of the day so that we can give you the time required to help.

My child is unwell and not in school today, who should I tell?

Please contact the office directly by popping in, phoning or sending a message via Arbor.



HOMEWORK

Mathletics



The homework for Year 6 is set on a **Thursday** each week and should be completed by the **Monday**: this homework will include three separate pieces accessed via the online learning platforms which require their log in information.

Maths homework will be set on TT Rockstars and Mathletics under assigned lessons. Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Frame under the tests section.

Children are expected to read 5 times per week and this should be recorded and signed by an adult on the right hand side of each diary page. Reading at home helps your child to earn their RED TED reading badges and rewards.

Where your child is struggling to do their homework at home, we offer a lunch time club on Friday so that your child can access help to complete their homework with staff. This club runs every week from 12.15 and they are free to leave as they wish.

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

All children will be visiting Tesco (Bulwell) looking at Fairtrade, which links with a number of our lessons – science, geography and design and technology. We will be purchasing food items that are Fairtrade and locally sourced to make our seasonal stew. This will happen in autumn 2 term during school hours and children will be expected to select, carry and then cook their items.



DIARY DATES

HALF TERM ONE

02/09 Start of autumn 1 half term
08/09 Year 6 Welcome meeting 3.30pm
14/10 Harvest Festival at Bulwell St Marys
15/10 Last day of autumn 1 half term
16/10 INSET day

HALF TERM TWO

02/11 Start of autumn 2 half term
04/11 Fireworks display
13/11 Children in Need
19/11 School photos
25/11 Parents/Carers Evening
02/12 Carol Concert at Bulwell St Marys
02/12 Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
14/12 Winter Disco 5-6.30pm
16/12 Christmas Dinner Day
18/12 Party afternoon
18/12 Last day of autumn 2 half term
04/01 Start of spring 1 half term



OCTOBER HALF TERM HAF

Please see the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) poster, sign posting activities available over October half term. Please scan to QR code or follow the link to see what is available

<https://eequ.org/nottinghamcityholidayactivitiesandfoodhaf>

Nottingham Forest will be running their HAF club at Crabtree Farm in the second week of the October half term on 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th October 10am to 2pm. To book this follow the link <https://eequ.org/book/nottingham-forest-foundation-crabtree-farm-with-nottingham-forest-foundation-25259>



October Holiday Scheme Places for Free

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

Would your child like to attend a **fully funded holiday scheme** during the October holidays where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are all included?

Children in receipt of, or eligible for, **Free School Meals** can attend up to **4 free holiday activity club** places in the October holidays.



Further information:
www.nottinghamcity/haf
or scan the QR code

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