

# 6V Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 2024



Mrs. Valli

## Welcome back!

A very warm welcome to Year 6! I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. Please do not hesitate to come and see Mrs Mala or myself if you have any questions or concerns at any point during the academic year, and we will be more than happy to help. I wish you all a very successful, safe and enjoyable year. Mrs Valli

## Don't Forget:

PE will take place on Monday (every other week) and Tuesdays please make sure you come to school wearing your PE kit on the day of your lesson. Homework will be set on a weekly basis and pupils will complete their tasks in their homework books. Year 6 will also be bringing home spelling 'log books' to practice.

## English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the novel 'Skellig' by David Almond. Through this text, we will be exploring themes such as nurture, friendship and trust and writing our own short stories with flashbacks. In order to develop comprehension skills, we will be using the 'VIPERS' strategies to support with answering reading questions. Weekly grammar sessions will also take place to develop pupil's understanding of grammatical terminology and word types.

## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will study and practice our arithmetic skills looking closely at the four operations. We will also use times tables to help solidify our multiplication and division facts to support our learning with long division and multiplication. Whilst looking at the above areas, we will combine these with SATs type questions to develop an understanding of the questions the children will be asked in their SATs. The maths homework will help with the learning completed within the given week.

## Science

In Science this half term, we will be exploring Evolution and Inheritance. Through this topic we will be recognising that living things have changed over time. We also explore how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

## Modern Foreign Language—French

In French this term, we will be developing our French vocabulary through presenting ourselves, my family and my home.



## History

In History this term, we will be studying both the First and Second World War, and exploring the mitigating factors that led to the outbreak of both wars. We will complete an in-depth study of the Accrington Pals. As well as this, we will study the impact war had on childhood and ordinary life in Britain.



## P.E.

In PE this half term, pupils will be exploring the game: Tag Rugby. The Year 6 children will develop sport specific skills including: catching, dribbling, shooting and kicking a ball, using a range of passes, defending skills and how to intercept a pass.



## R.E.

In R.E. this term, Year 6 will be studying the unit 'Life as a Journey'. Within this unit, we will be studying the importance of pilgrimage and exploring the many reasons why people take this special journey within their lives.



## Music

In Music this term, we will be using the online platform 'Charanga' to study the piano piece 'Bacharach Anorak'. Alongside this, Year 6 pupils will be exploring the 'blues' and identifying the common musical elements within this genre of music.

## Computing

In Computing, we will be studying the unit: 'Law and Order and Film Making', where pupils will be learning strong password awareness and designing and creating a range of digital assets. We will also be looking at how to design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals.

## Geography

In Geography, we will complete a local seaside study on Blackpool. We will study the physical and human features of Blackpool and how this has caused a rise in Tourism. We will also learn to read Ordnance Survey Maps using six-figure grid reference.

## P.S.H.E.

Our topics that we will look at this half term are: 'Mental Health and Wellbeing' and 'Be Kind'. We will be exploring the notion of 'FOMO' (Fear of Missing Out) and how this can cause people to feel anxious and upset.



## Art

In Art and Design, we will be exploring the work of the surrealist painter and war artist Paul Nash. Using his Second World War landscapes, we will apply Nash's modernist approach to develop our own war-themed artwork using a range of mixed media.

## D.T.

In D.T, we will be creating our own computerised embedded room system using a programmed device. We will be studying the work of Alan Turing, and his contribution to programming during World War Two.