



English



Topics to be covered this term include:

Our English this term will be delivered through the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. The story, which is about a boy who is lost at sea, will be used as a medium to write in many different forms, including: a persuasive letter, a balanced argument, a news report, character analysis, diary entry, letters and biographies about topics linked to the story. Alongside the different genres we will be learning different skills within SPAG; for example - Adverbial phrases, how and when to use colons, semi-colons, hyphens and dashes as well as many others.

How you can help - reading comprehension is an important skill that we work on during guided reading. Please encourage your child to read frequently and ask them about their books. Ask questions such as: What did you like about the story? What do you think might happen next? What has happened so far? Is there any vocabulary you couldn't read or understand? This will be a great help to your child especially as the SATS will be approaching.

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We hope you find this a helpful overview of your child's learning this term in year 6. If there are any aspects of the curriculum or what your child will be learning that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your continued support.

Mrs Griffiths & Mrs Bishop

PE



PE will include: **Indoor:** Gym Sequences **Outdoor:** Striking and fielding. It is essential that children are well equipped for this important and fun part of our curriculum. Children should have an outdoor and indoor PE kit. Many of our PE activities are held outdoors so children are encouraged to bring warm clothing (e.g. jogging/tracksuit trousers). Please help your child to remember their kit. PE is held on **Monday** afternoon and is run by the Milton Keynes team. They will be providing the **outdoor** & the **indoor** PE for the year group.

Maths



Our learning will cover work on:

This term we will be covering: rounding whole numbers and decimals to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, pie charts, circles, ordering decimals, word problems and measures. To ensure these topics are embedded the children will complete regular reasoning activities linked to the topic they have just learnt. They will also have a times tables challenge, a maths club challenge and Assertive mentoring skills check on a weekly basis

How you can help - confidently knowing times tables can help the children in many areas of mathematics. If you want to help your child with an area or strategy that you are unsure of please ask, we are always willing to **help you help your child**.

Topic work - topics this term will include:

History - The Gold Rush - Children will be studying how the discovery of Gold changed civilisation in 1851.

Geography - Compare similarities and differences of human and physical geography of a region of UK/Europe and America

Science - Humans and Animals - Children will build on their knowledge and understanding of different systems within the body. They will research the parts and functions of the circulatory system. They will focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body. Children will explore how a healthy lifestyle supports the body to function and how different types of drugs affect the body.

The children will also have weekly PSHE, Values, Music and Spanish lessons.

Homework - Homework will consist of weekly maths and literacy tasks as well as weekly spellings to be learnt. There may be times where we set homework as a project but we will send letters to confirm nearer the time. As well as this we would like parents to encourage their child to read on a daily basis and comment in their home-reading record. Can parents please remind children to bring their homework in before **Wednesday**; this is so that it can be marked and new homework set. Homework will be sent out on **Friday** and children should return it completed by **Wednesday** of the following week.

