



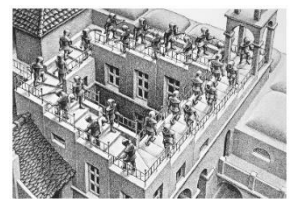
## Year 6 Learning Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and enjoyed a break.

We are very excited to start a new year with our new classes. We are looking forward to getting to know the children, finding out about their hobbies and interests and moving them on. We are confident that the year will be full of new challenges for the children and there will be lots of exciting learning opportunities.

This booklet will outline the topics that we will be covering this half term and subsequent booklets will inform you about the rest of the year.

### Autumn Term Topic – Create: Illusion



We will be learning about how artists have created optical illusions in a variety of ways, such as false perspective, “trompe l’oeil” (“deceiving the eye”), photorealism and op art.

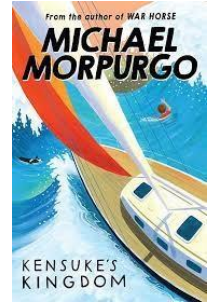
We will examine the work of various artists, including Brigitte Riley, Victor Vasarely, Jaques Rousseau, William Hogarth and Borrell de Caso.

We will study line, shape, colour, space and form.



## English Learning

We are reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. Based on this text, we are writing letters from the perspective of different characters. We will also produce a desert island survival guide and a newspaper article, as well as descriptive writing about the island.



In our guided reading sessions, we will be reading and analysing *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross MacKenzie to develop our comprehension skills.

## Mathematical Learning

This term we are looking at:

- Place Value (numbers up to 10,000,000 rounding numbers, Roman numerals and negative numbers)
- Efficient methods for using the four operations to calculate numbers
- Revising the times table facts up to  $12 \times 12$ , and the related division facts (e.g.  $7 \times 9 = 63$  so  $63 \div 7 = 9$ )



## PSHE Learning

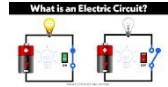
This half term we are focusing on the theme of respect. We are thinking about how we want people to respect us in different situations and how we can gain respect from our peers and adults.



## French Learning

We are learning French vocabulary linked to classroom equipment.





## Scientific Learning

Our first topic will be electricity, in which the children will be:

- Learning about electrical components and their circuit symbols
- Drawing circuit diagrams and explaining why they are complete or incomplete
- Using various materials to create different types of switches



## Music Learning

We are developing our skills of focused listening, performing and composing as we consider how music can bring us together.



## Computing Learning



We will be learning about online safety and creating mathematical patterns using programming languages.



## PE Learning

For our indoor PE we will be engaging in gymnastics and fitness activities and, for our outdoor sessions, we will be developing our netball skills. Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

## Faith and Wonder Learning

We will be looking at Hinduism.

- Key Hindu beliefs and practices
- The significance of the 'aum' symbol
- Hindu gods
- Beliefs about reincarnation





## How can you help?

- Encouraging your child to read regularly at home, both independently and to an adult. See the children's home learning sheet for further detail.
- Lots of regular times table testing including both multiplication and division facts and encouraging your child to complete their weekly Sumdog challenges which are set for homework.
- Supporting your child with learning their spellings, discussing spelling patterns and the meanings of words, and reviewing spellings from previous weeks.
- Weekly homework tasks are set on Friday each week (and posted on Google Classroom). Homework is reviewed the following Friday in class time. Tasks include reading, spelling and mathematics.

## Dates to be aware of for this half term:

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Harvest Festival in Church at 9.15 am
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' evening appointments after school.



Further dates and information may come out from the office throughout the half term.

We are always looking for volunteers to listen to children read and would welcome any support you can offer.

If you have any resources you are happy to loan to us or have any particular knowledge about any of the topics we are learning about then please get in touch.

If you have any queries please contact us at

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We look forward to working with you this term.

The Year 6 team