



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! It has been a pleasure to welcome the new year 6 children into school this term. We hope that the classes settle in well, appreciate a routine and feel comfortable and safe in school. Our main topic this half term is related to the book “Pig Heart Boy” by Malorie Blackman, with a focus on Science across the curriculum. We will be reading the text together in class, so don’t worry about purchasing a copy.

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	<b>Curriculum covered this half-term</b>	<b>Optional suggestions for home-learning</b>
English	<p>Planning skills Poetry Newspaper articles Diary writing</p> <p>There will be weekly spelling and grammar tasks included in the homework based on the class needs.</p>	<p>If you have a subscription, Pig Heart Boy is on audible as an audio book. Please read and listen to a wide variety of genres, authors and texts.</p> <p>Many parents raised the issue of finding the right books to support each child. <a href="http://www.lovereadng4schools.co.uk">http://www.lovereadng4schools.co.uk</a> This website provides you with many ideas and book reviews. You may look through this with your child.</p> <p>Alternatives are to visit the local library, where the librarian is very helpful, or Muswell Hill Children’s Bookshop who have a deep knowledge of current books.</p>
Maths	<p>Recap on previous learning and setting the groundwork for SATs learning: Four operations, place value and decimals</p> <p>Children should be fluent in all their times tables so please rehearse at home</p>	<p><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a> – a game for practising times tables, an essential aspect of year 6 maths.</p> <p><a href="https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-6/week-1/">https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-6/week-1/</a> - though we will be changing the times around slightly, you can find resources here to follow along with</p>
Science	Humans and other animals	<p>BBC KS2 Bitesize <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs</a></p>
ICT	E-safety and Microsoft Forms	<p><a href="http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/">http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.tetherdownschool.org/parents/esafety">http://www.tetherdownschool.org/parents/esafety</a></p>
PE	Sports leaders Football	
PSHE/ RE	Healthy Me Islam – beliefs and practices	
Music	History of music Technological advances Listening and analysis	
Art	Using line/colour to show emotion	

P.E sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays for both classes. Your child should come to school on these days in appropriate sportswear. No jewelry, including watches, may be worn during P.E. and long hair must be tied back.

Home Learning is set on a Thursday and should be returned the following week on Wednesday using Microsoft Teams. Finally, please ensure that your child brings in a labelled water bottle and takes it home at the end of the day. Snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables.

If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to email [admin@tetherdownschool.org](mailto:admin@tetherdownschool.org) who will pass on your message to the relevant teacher. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and very exciting year with the children!

Thank you for your support.

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