



**Year 6 Curriculum Letter**

January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a fantastic first term in Year 6 and we are very excited to start the spring term. A big thank you to all our Year 6 families for being so engaged and helpful and a big well done to the children for their hard work and enthusiasm. This half term, our topic has a geography focus and we will be studying rivers. The half term will include a geography focused school trip. Keep an eye out for more information later in the term.

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><b>Reading:</b> Retrieving vocabulary Inferring Prediction Summary</p> <p><b>Spelling:</b> Year 5 and 6 statutory words Page 23 from link below-<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-England-Appendix-1-spelling">The national curriculum in England - English Appendix 1: Spelling (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a></p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Planning and editing skills Recount Whole School Writing Project – Narrative This is a whole school writing project and all writing lessons in classes YR-Y6 will be based on this topic.</p> <p><b>Handwriting:</b> To continue to work on joins and formation to write fluently.</p> <p><b>Grammar:</b> Ellipses Colons and semi-colons Parenthesis Punctuation for dialogue</p>	<p>Our main text for this half term is Macbeth, for which we will be reading the Osbourne Macbeth Graphic Novel.</p> <p>We will also be watching the following BBC video adaptations of the story: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks2-english-macbeth-8-birnam-wood-comes-to-dunsinane">KS2 English: Macbeth. 8: Birnam Wood comes to Dunsinane - BBC Teach</a>. Any books, graphic novels or information that the children can read about Macbeth and other Shakespeare plays will really support their learning this half term (this might be a good time to read the Shakespeare graphic novel of Midsummer Nights Dream from our Reading Passport list).</p> <p>The Royal Shakespeare Company are also a great resource for learning more about Shakespeare's plays: <a href="https://www.rsc.org.uk/macbeth">https://www.rsc.org.uk/macbeth</a></p> <p>In addition to our Macbeth focus this half term, please continue to read and listen to a wide variety of genres, authors and texts.</p> <p>For the second half of the half-term, we will be completing a whole school writing project.</p> <p>Many parents raised the issue of finding the right books to support each child. <a href="http://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk">http://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk</a></p> <p>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:</p> <p><b>Percentages</b> <b>Area and perimeter</b> <b>Statistics</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button</a> – a game for practising times tables, an essential aspect of year 6 maths.</p> <p><a href="https://www.whiteroseeducation.com">Maths home learning   Home learning   White Rose Maths (whiteroseeducation.com)</a> <a href="https://www.jenny-eather.com">A Maths Dictionary for Kids by Jenny Eather</a> <a href="https://www.mathposters.com">Definitions   Free Math Posters and Charts   Maths</a></p>



	Children should be fluent in all their times tables so please rehearse at home	<a href="#">Examples</a>   <a href="#">Math Words</a>   <a href="#">Math Glossary</a>   <a href="#">Math Terms</a>
Science	<b>Living Things and Their Habitats</b>	We recommend going for walks as a family and observe living things in your local environment. Can you identify different species of birds, mammals and insects?  BBC KS2 Bitesize <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb</a>
Computing	<b>Programming.</b> In this unit children will be considering how variables can be used in games, and will make a simple video game in Scratch.	<a href="#">Parents &amp; carers</a>   <a href="#">Childnet</a> <a href="#">Tetherdown School - E-Safety</a>
PE	<b>Football/Yoga</b>	P.E sessions are on <b>Mondays</b> and <b>Thursdays</b> 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.
PSHE/RSE	<b>Growing and Changing</b> unit.	In PSHE lessons this half term, we will be covering the relationships and sex education for year 6. There has been information about a parent information session to ensure that you are fully aware of what is being taught. Please do get in contact if you have not received that information or have any further questions.
RE	<b>Christianity</b> – Salvation and the concept of eternity.  <b>Enquiry Question:</b> <i>Is anything ever eternal?</i>	
Geography	<b>Mapping</b> We will be learning to use compasses, reading maps both online and in atlases, using 4 and 6 figure grid references and learning about our local area.  <b>Climate Change Project</b> Children will be researching different areas of climate change and working on a group project on climate action.	Learn about OS maps by finding your local area and following routes! <a href="#">Online maps &amp; routes for walking, cycling and running</a>   <a href="#">OS Maps</a>  Climate change: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4g3f82">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4g3f82</a> <a href="https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/what-is-climate-change/">https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/what-is-climate-change/</a>
Music	Sing Up unit: <b>Donna Nobis Pacem</b>	
Art	<b>Painting and Collages</b>	We will be learning about Pablo Picasso and cubism in class. Learn more here: <a href="#">What is Cubism?   KS2   Primary - BBC Bitesize</a>  You can also visit the National Gallery or Tate Modern for free to see some of Picasso's work as well as other examples of cubism.



Mandarin	<b>Language for seeing a doctor</b>	
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Home Learning is set on a Thursday on Teams. It should be returned the following week on Tuesday. 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.

Thank you for your support.  
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