



Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Summer 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow – we have reached the last term of the year! This half term in year 6 we will have to work hard for the SATs but we also have a lot of fun activities and learning planned. Alongside SATs revision in the morning, we will have a creative focus in the afternoons: creating sculptures in art, puppets in DT and light boxes in science!

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.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>SATs Revision This half term we are focusing on reading comprehension and SPAG revision.</p> <p>We are going to deeply familiarise the children with the format of the reading tests so they can continue to develop their inference, retrieval, prediction and summary skills.</p> <p>We are also going to revise all the relevant SPAG terminology and practice using grammar. This revision will not only prepare them for their SATs but will also support them with developing their writing.</p> <p>Spelling: We will continue to revise the year 3-4 and year 5-6 statutory spelling words, as well as the key rules.</p> <p>Handwriting: To continue to work on joins and formation to write fluently.</p>	<p>If you have revision guides, please continue to work through them at home. We will also be setting SPAG and Reading revision for home learning each week as an alternative to revision guides.</p> <p>Please also support them in revising their spelling words: SpellingWordList_Y3-4.pdf (oxfordowl.co.uk) SpellingWordList_Y5-6.pdf (oxfordowl.co.uk)</p> <p>Log onto Edshed to practice these words. EdShed</p> <p>Use this fun BBC game to practice SPAG: KS2 English free game - Grammar, spelling and punctuation for primary school pupils - Crystal Explorers - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Many parents raised the issue of finding the right books to support each child. http://www.lovereadings4schools.co.uk 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> <p>Did you know that the library also provides free e-books and audio books for children? eBooks, eAudiobooks and Newspapers Haringey Council</p> <p>In addition to handwriting, we would highly recommend Learn Touch Typing Free - TypingClub</p>



<p>Maths</p>	<p>Algebra</p> <p>SATs Revision</p> <p>This half term we are revising and consolidating our learning from the rest of the year. Our aim is to familiarise the children with the test format and to identify any gaps in learning they have.</p>	<p>If you have revision guides, please continue to work through them at home. We will also be setting Maths revision for home learning each week as an alternative to revision guides.</p> <p>If you want to complete practice papers from previous SATs years, they can all be found online here (along with mark schemes): National curriculum assessments: practice materials - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button – a game for practising times tables, an essential aspect of year 6 maths.</p> <p>A Maths Dictionary for Kids by Jenny Eather Definitions Free Math Posters and Charts Maths Examples Math Words Math Glossary Math Terms </p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Creating Media: Building a Website</p> <p>Online safety – Copyright & ownership</p>	<p>Advice and guidance for keeping safe online: 4–11 year olds Childnet</p> <p>Tetherdown School - E-Safety</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>STEM Project: Light Boxes</p> <p>This half term we will be consolidating our learning from our Electricity and Light units by building light boxes.</p>	<p>BBC KS2 Bitesize What is electricity? - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>This would be a great time to visit the Science Museum as they have lots of really interesting information on the history of electricity and how it works. Wonderlab: The Equinor Gallery Science Museum London Electrifying: The story of lighting our homes Science Museum</p> <p>BBC KS2 Bitesize Light - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize Home Optics for Kids (optics4kids.org) Terrific Scientific - Light - BBC Teach</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>Cricket and Outdoor Adventurous Activities.</p>	<p>P.E sessions are on Tuesdays and Fridays for both classes. Your child should come to school on these days in the Tetherdown P.E t-shirt and appropriate sportswear (not jeans). No jewelry, including watches, may be worn during P.E. and long hair must be tied back.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>Islam</p> <p>Our big question in RE this half term is: Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead better lives?</p>	<p>Find out more about Islam here: Islam - KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize</p>



PSHE	<p>PSHE: Relationships We will be learning about how to take care of our mental health and emotions related to loss and change.</p>	<p>The children in Year 6 have recently found out about their secondary schools this half term and may be feeling some nervousness, anxiety or apprehension about the changes ahead. Please keep having conversations with your children about their ambitions and goals for the future, as well as discussing how they can anticipate and plan for what they might be worried about.</p> <p>If you are feeling concerned about which secondary school your child has been offered a place for or their time when they get there, please don't hesitate to get in touch.</p>
Music	<p>This half term, we will be focusing on singing. We will be practising using our voices expressively and creatively with increasing control and expression for a special recording in Summer 2.</p>	
Geography	<p>Mapping 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.</p>	<p>Learn about OS maps by finding your local area and following routes! Online maps & routes for walking, cycling and running OS Maps</p>
Mandarin	<p>Revision</p>	
Art	<p>Sculpture: In art this half term we will be making sculptures inspired by the artist, Dale Chihuly, who made naturalistic glass blown pieces.</p>	<p>The Tate Modern has a wonderful range of sculptures, which it would be fantastic for your children to see.</p>
DT	<p>During SATs week, we will spend the afternoons completing an additional creative DT unit: designing and making hand puppets. In doing so, they will learn and practise a range of sewing techniques.</p>	

Home Learning is set on a Thursday and should be returned the following week on Tuesday 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 who will pass on your message to the relevant teacher.

Thank you for your support.
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