



Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 1, 2026

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.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	Writing: Planning skills Poetry Newspaper articles There will be weekly spelling and grammar tasks included in the homework based on the class needs. Spelling: Year 5 and 6 statutory words Handwriting: Following the Nelson handwriting scheme to continue to develop a fluent handwriting style.	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. Many parents raised the issue of finding the right books to support each child. http://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk This website provides you with many ideas and book reviews. You may look through this with your child. 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. Year 5 & 6 Spelling Word Bank: Page 23 from link below-The national curriculum in England - English Appendix 1: Spelling (publishing.service.gov.uk) SpellingShed Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - Spelling game for school and home
Maths	Place value, four operations and decimals Recap on previous learning and setting the groundwork for SATs learning. Children should be fluent in all their times tables so please rehearse at home.	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button – a game for practising times tables, an essential aspect of year 6 maths. White Rose Maths- videos These will match what we are covering in class and give your child a chance to consolidate their learning at home. Maths home learning Home learning White Rose Maths (whiteroseeducation.com) Times tables Rock stars Times Tables Rock Stars: Play (ttrockstars.com)

Science	Humans and other animals Fab Science will be visiting our school for an exciting workshop all about the human body. Children will take part in a fun, hands-on 'surgery' demo, explore real hearts, investigate lung capacity and heart rate, and begin a science experiment to continue in class.	BBC KS2 Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zi44jxs The circulatory system - BBC Bitesize
Computing	Data and Information Computing systems and networks: looking at internet addresses, data packets and networked systems. Online Safety: Health, well-being & lifestyle	http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/ Tetherdown School - E-Safety
PE	Fitness Football/Gymnastics P.E sessions are on Monday and Thursdays for both classes.	Your child should come to school on these days in appropriate sportswear. No jewellery, including watches, may be worn during P.E. and long hair must be tied back and appropriate footwear worn (N.B Crocs are not appropriate footwear).
PSHE	Zones of Regulation	Zones of Regulation - This is a whole school approach to enable children to regulate their emotions and be ready for learning.
RE	Religion: Islam Theme: Beliefs and practices Key Question: How do Muslims show commitment to God?	What is Islam? - BBC Bitesize
Geography	Natural Disasters Enquiry question: Should people live in earthquake zones?	Explore earthquakes - BBC Bitesize Explore volcanoes - BBC Bitesize https://youtu.be/hBANLF7LHzA
Music	Sing Up – My Shadows	
Art	Painting and Collage To complete a series of still life paintings, combined with collage. They will look at the still life work of Patrick Caulfield and compare it to the cubism work of Pablo Picasso.	
Mandarin	Numbers, family and animals.	

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. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and very exciting year with the children!

Thank you for your support.

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