



Year 6

Autumn Term

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready to start the hard work in year 6. Here is the key information for this term.

Homework

Homework is set weekly on a **Friday** and needs to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. This term, the majority of homework will be online activities for the children to complete. Children will be provided with log in details for any websites they need to use and teachers will log on to monitor how well the children are doing. English homework will be set using the *Active Learn* website and Maths homework will be set on *Rockstar Maths* and *Numbots* to focus on basic number skills. Additional Maths or English sheets may also be posted on the school website. These additional sheets can be accessed in the same way as the closure homework during lockdown under the '**Pupils**' section on the school website. Spellings will also be set weekly and can also be found on the school website. Children will then be tested on these spellings as normal in a weekly spelling test.

Reading

At Hollyfield we really value the importance of reading and encourage children to read regularly at home. Reading with your child can be a fun and simple way to support your child's education, whatever their age. Every **Friday** we will send the children home with a reading book for them to read to you at home. This book should be returned on the following **Wednesday** so it can be changed. In addition to this reading book, children will also be allocated books on *Bug Club* which can be accessed through the active learn website. These books include a range of comprehension questions for the children to answer. *Bug Club* is monitored by all teaching staff and provides us with a weekly report on your child's progress. We would normally ask that reading records are filled in weekly. However, for this term we will not be sending home reading records. We hope to review this next term.

Science

In science we will be looking at light. We will learn about different sources of light. We will also be learning about how we see and the part that light plays in this. We will then look at how light is reflected and what refraction is.

PE kits

This term in PE, the children will focus on tennis and dance. P.E. sessions this term will take place indoors and outdoors. It is important that your child has their P.E. kit in school every day.

English

In English this term there will be a focus on books that are based on things that happened in WW1 (especially *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo) and writing will focus on historical stories. Some of the skills they will develop will be comparing stories, making predictions, writing character descriptions and playscripts. We would encourage your child to continue reading every evening, discussing texts with an adult.

Maths

In Maths we will focus on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and how they can be used in solving mental and written problems. There will be a much greater focus on problem solving skills and reasoning skills which require the children to apply their maths knowledge to puzzles and real-life problems. As always we will continue to focus on the children's times table knowledge and speed; This will be done by daily probes and regular tests using Rock Star Maths.

Our Wider Curriculum

As an artist your child will:

Collect ideas and techniques
Paint skilfully by mixing complex colours
Create a zentangle pattern
Analyse and evaluate artwork

As a designer your child will:

Know about food from the past
Understand where ingredients originate
To research and design a recipe
Prepare, cook and evaluate a meal

Children will use skills from English and Maths by:

Writing a character description, a poem, an obituary and a descriptive setting.
Read War Horse by Michael Morpurgo.

Computing

Children will be learning how to code to create their own computer programs. They will also be looking at different elements of online safety.

Music

Understand the different elements of music
Compose music including different elements of music
Perform and evaluate music

RE and PSHE

Understand different points of view
Managing friendships and emotions
Making the right choices
Importance of law and rules (British Values)

As a Historian your child will:

Compare and contrast social, political and economic changes over time in Europe

Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of history (artefacts, newspapers, pictures, posters, videos, diaries, non-fiction texts, historical fiction, internet)

Understand the chronology of WW1
Understand the causes of WW1
Understand how historical sources help us make sense of the past
Look at a key events in WW1

As a Geographer your child will:

Understand key events of WW1 and where they took place
Study different types of maps
Learn how WW1 changed countries
Compare modern day Europe to 1914

Vocabulary you could help your children to learn at home.

chronology	causation	legacy	trends	interpret
environment	affect	primary evidence	secondary evidence	global
evolve	factor	feature	impact	

trooper	cavalry	regiment	stretcher-bearer	trenches
shelling	infantry	artillery	Empire	Alliance
battalion	propaganda	No Man's Land	Imperialism	suffrage
munitions	canary girls	rationing	warfare	assassination