



# 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**. Children may receive a combination of homework sheets that are sent home in their homework folder and online activities 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. Online English homework will be set using the *Reading Plus and Active Learn* website and Maths homework will be set on *Teams*. Spellings will also be set weekly and can also be found *Teams*. Children will then be tested half termly on these spellings to monitor their progress.

### 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.

There are books at school that children are welcome to take home to read and we will also be visiting Sutton Coldfield library every 4 weeks so that children can have access to a wide range of books.

We will continue to use Reading Plus at home and this will be monitored by class teachers.

In school, we will have weekly reading comprehension and reading practice lessons. This will enable the children to continue to develop their reading skills and help to prepare them for their SATs tests in May.

### 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 dance and tennis. Sessions this term will take place indoors. 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.

## 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

## Computing

Children will be learning how to create their own quizzes within Purple Mash. They will find out about the importance of Networks and how to use Binary code. They will also be continually looking at different elements of online safety using Project Evolve.

## 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)

## 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