



ELLEN WILKINSON

Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter 2026-2027 - Quarter 1

Dear Year 6 parents and carers,

Each quarter we will send a newsletter outlining the key learning and coverage in each subject area, along with useful links and ideas of how you can help to support your child's learning at home.

Learning mats, with key knowledge and vocabulary for each of the Foundation subjects, will be shared with your child via their Google classroom account.

Core subjects

English	In reading this half term, your child will become a more confident and independent reader by learning to recognise and answer different types of comprehension questions. They'll develop strategies for fact retrieval, inference, word choice, writers' choice, and structure and layout questions across both fiction and non-fiction texts. In writing, we'll begin with a grammar focus before exploring two texts: <i>The Promise</i> and <i>The Boy in the Tower</i>. Your child will develop their narrative writing skills, learning to use figurative language to create vivid imagery and craft detailed descriptions that bring their stories to life. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpccwmn
Maths	Please see below the overview and coverage for Maths for the quarter. In maths this quarter pupils will cover: Place value, number, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages, coordinates and shape Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39 Engage with Freckle and TTRS regularly.
Science	This quarter, your child will explore the fascinating world of living things through two key topics that build their understanding of biology and scientific investigation. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q

Foundation subjects

History/Geography	This quarter, your child will journey back in time to discover the Kingdom of Benin, one of Africa's most sophisticated and powerful civilisations. Through this fascinating study, they'll develop their understanding of how different societies developed across the world and challenge common misconceptions about historical progress. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3n7mp3#z8rbg7h
ART/DT	This term, your child will develop their sculpting and design skills by creating their own artwork inspired by the famous Benin Bronzes. This project connects directly to our history learning about the Kingdom of Benin, allowing children to appreciate the incredible artistic skill and craftsmanship of Benin's metalworkers. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.britishmuseum.org/about-us/british-museum-story/contested-objects-collection/benin-bronzes
Computing	This quarter, your child will explore how the internet works and learn to communicate responsibly online. They'll discover how data travels across the internet using addresses and data packets, understanding why information is broken into smaller pieces before being sent. Pupils will use online tools to collaborate on shared projects with classmates, evaluating different methods of communication like email, video calls and instant messaging to decide which works best for different situations. Most importantly, your child will learn what information is safe to share online and what should remain private, developing strategies for staying safe and knowing when to ask for help from a trusted adult. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrg6f
MfL	In Mandarin we are learning to recognise and respond back to short simple paragraphs and explore patterns of language through historical idiom phrases and traditional stories and poems. Useful links/ways to support at home: Try to engage with the language at home and see if you can use some phrases in everyday activities.
RE/PSHE	Our unit for RE this quarter is: How do people express their faith through the arts in Christianity? Our unit for PSHE this quarter is: Being me in the world and Celebrating differences. Useful links/ways to support at home: Have discussions with your child about how your views link to the topics discussed in class.
PE	This quarter, your child will develop their physical skills and teamwork through netball and tennis. In netball, they'll master footwork techniques, learn accurate passing and shooting skills, and understand how to communicate effectively with teammates during gameplay.

	In tennis, pupils will practice striking the ball using forehand and backhand techniques, developing hand-eye coordination and control. Through both sports, your child will improve their fitness, learn the rules of each game, and understand the importance of fair play and teamwork. <u>Friday is our PE day</u> On your child's PE day, please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit, details of which can be found in the school uniform policy.
Music:	In Music the children will demonstrate fluency and accuracy in performance, including solo opportunities.

Educational Visits

Science Live Monday 12th October 2026 - Excel

We are also hoping to organise more fun and exciting trips and experiences throughout the year. Any further information and updates will be shared with you via ParentMail.

Home Learning

Each week your child should get:

- ☐ **Reading:**
 - Reading should be recorded in your child's home learning book.
 - In addition, we encourage you to read stories to your child regularly, and have a healthy reading culture at home, to promote a love of reading. This will also support your child in their writing.
 - BugClub is a platform available to all - linked above.
- ☐ **Spellings:**
 - Ensure opportunities throughout the week for your child to practise their spellings.
- ☐ **Maths practice:**
 - Your child should complete tasks assigned to them on Freckle and the Times Tables Rock Stars website.

Please speak to your child's class teacher, if you have any questions about how to access any of the school's learning platforms.

**All home learning will be issued on a Friday and collected on a Wednesday.
Other subject tasks will be set at the discretion of the class teacher.**

If you find anything out, come across an exciting book or find a great website, please let us know so we can pass the information on to all our other parents.
Many thanks for your help and support.

Kind regards,
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