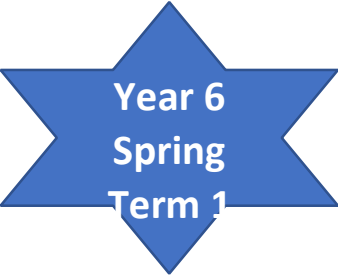


<p>Each half term we will send a newsletter detailing what we will be covering in the curriculum and any other important information. If you would like further details, please speak to your child's class teacher.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important Dates</u></p> <p>Assembly for parents: Thursday 16th January. SATs Information Evening: Thursday 16th January. Please read the weekly newsletter for updates!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Topic (History)</u></p> <p>Our topic this half term is the Ancient Mayans. We will be learning all about this civilisation and what the world has learnt from them. We will be linking this with our computing unit, in which the children will imagine visiting a Mayan temple.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>Children need to come into school wearing their school PE kit on a Wednesday. We will be looking at gymnastics (floor exercises) and athletics. Please also ensure that your child has a suitable water bottle available to them.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>Music will be taught on Wednesday afternoons and, this half term, they will be learning all about disco music.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>We will be learning about Light. Children will participate in experiments to learn about this topic and understand how we are able to see the world around us.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>We will use Purple Mash to look at our first unit, blogging online, and we will also complete online safety linked to who we are and our online identity.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>Writing: This half term, we will write a narrative linked to a picture book called 'The Promise' before moving onto a thrilling story called 'Malamander.'</p> <p>Reading: We are continuing to read Risks and Thrills, a book which includes a selection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>French</u></p> <p>During this half term the children will be learning about music celebrations and musicians from French-speaking places.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jigsaw</u></p> <p>Our Jigsaw topic this half term is Dreams and Goals, where we will be learning about how to structure our own goals and how these can help us to aim for and achieve our dreams.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p>This half term, we will be covering measurement, area, perimeter and volume before moving onto geometry. We will continue to practise our arithmetic, covering fractions, percentages and four operations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religious Education</u></p> <p>Our topic this term is 'Living a Faith,' in which children will study ways that people identify themselves through various religious and non-religious perspectives and how these relate to each other.</p>	

Children are expected to read at home everyday for 15 minutes and they may also access Reading Plus as part of this. Reading is a crucial part of the children's learning and readiness for secondary school. They are expected to read at least 110 words per minute during their SATs tests, so we need to ensure that they are prepared to read at this speed through regular practice.