

# Year 6 Newsletter Autumn 1

Mr. Barnabas and Mr. Marsden would like to say a warm welcome back to all of Year 6. We hope that you have had a restful but exciting summer and are looking forward to your year as the oldest in school. We have many exciting things coming up this term with the residential at the end of September and a specialist music teacher to lead our music lessons. Our curriculum is jam packed with amazing lessons and we cannot wait to get started.

If you have any questions or concerns about this term, please contact your child's teacher.

## Literacy

This term, we will be analysing *Wonder* by **R.J. Palacio** and using this text to inspire our own writing of flash fiction. We will learn how to engage and excite our audience by focusing our writing on the key moments and by creating interesting and contrasting characters.

In our guided reading sessions, we will learn how the author uses characters and events to portray a theme as well as learning how to interpret the meaning of new vocabulary.

We will then move on *Little People, Big Dreams: Martin Luther King* by **Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara**. We will explore this text and the inspirational work and battles faced by Martin Luther King. This book will link with Black History Month which we look forward to celebrating every year. The children will learn how to write detailed biographies about people to be proud of which is this year's Black History Month theme.

**Key vocabulary:** dialogue, cohesion, adverbial phrases, adjectives, similes, expanded noun phrases, characterisation, facts, chronological order, audience



## Mathematics

This term, our learning will be focused around consolidating the children's knowledge around number, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will be working with numbers up to one million on rounding, understanding place value, ordering and adding and subtracting. They will be introduced to multiplying 5-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and dividing by 2-digit numbers.

We will do lots of practice on arithmetic style questions (+, -, ÷, ×) which would be brilliant if they could continue with this at home along with encouraging logging onto Times Tables Rockstars to develop multiplication and division skills.

### Key vocabulary:

Millions, hundreds of thousands, tens of thousands, decimal place, product, sum, multiples, square route.

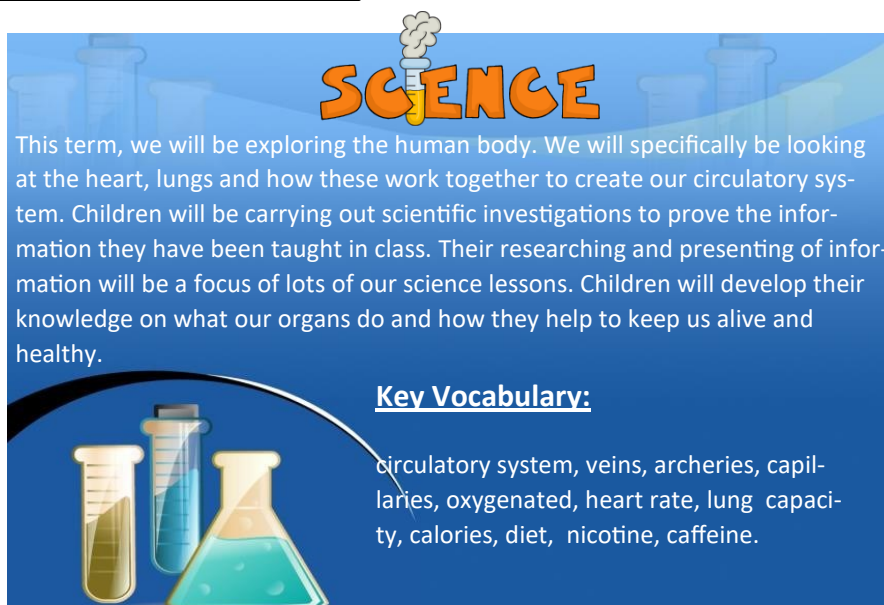


## SCIENCE

This term, we will be exploring the human body. We will specifically be looking at the heart, lungs and how these work together to create our circulatory system. Children will be carrying out scientific investigations to prove the information they have been taught in class. Their researching and presenting of information will be a focus of lots of our science lessons. Children will develop their knowledge on what our organs do and how they help to keep us alive and healthy.

### Key Vocabulary:

circulatory system, veins, arteries, capillaries, oxygenated, heart rate, lung capacity, calories, diet, nicotine, caffeine.





## Other Curriculum Areas

**Geography** – Year 6 will learn about where everyday goods, like food and clothing, come from. They will begin by exploring where raw materials come from, how they are imported and exported, and how they then are processed into manufactured goods. They will also explore how imports and exports affect local communities as well as the environment.

**PE** – This half term, Year 6 will begin their physical education journey with athletics. This is a great starting point as we will practice our balancing, agility and speed which are important in all areas of PE.

**PSHE** - Our PSHE unit will focus on health and well-being, with a particular focus on mental well-being. We will discuss and explore a variety of emotions, how to self-identify those emotions, and how to not only seek help but also the importance of seeking it when feeling overwhelmed. This unit will provide children with the skills and resources to support their mental well-being.

**RE** - Our RE topic is 'What it means to be a Sikh'. This unit introduces pupils to the Sikh religion in a clear and straightforward way, taking account of the history, current practice and beliefs of the Sikhs in Britain today. It provides for pupils to learn from some Sikh stories, ideas and concepts and to develop their own appreciation of Sikh religion.



## The Bulletin Board

### Things to remember:

Yew PE – Tuesday

Willow PE – Friday

Homework due in and Spelling test - Friday

### **Websites needed:**

Microsoft Teams:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom>

Accelerated reader

<https://ukhosted53.renlearn.co.uk/2250283/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>

TT Rockstars:

<https://trockstars.com/>

Freckle:

<https://student.freckle.com/#/login?language=en-GB>



## IMPORTANT DATES

23 September  
Jeans for Genes Day

28-30 September  
Y6 Kingswood Residential

1 October  
Beginning of Black History Month

6 October  
National Poetry Day

14 October  
School closes for half term