



Welcome to Year 6  
Miss Pickering and Mrs McQuade

**English**

In English this half term we are starting off by focusing on a magic and fantasy story, The Nowhere Emporium. We will be reading the book and doing some in-depth work about the characters, setting and events. The children will have lots of opportunities to read texts and investigate vocabulary. They will be doing short writing tasks such as letters, descriptions, poems and diaries. The children will work on the text and build up to planning and writing a story involving fantasy and magic. We will be focusing on building children's sentences. We will be doing work on blending action, description and dialogue and other aspects of the Y6 writing curriculum as well as recapping other aspects of the writing curriculum from a variety of year groups. Spellings are very important and we will be doing daily spellings in class focusing on consolidating ways to spell and spelling rules. We will be working on the Y5 and 6 statutory spelling list. Reading is also very important as it underpins lots of learning and helps children understand texts, gain new vocabulary and use ideas within their writing. The children will do daily guided reading to help them answer questions about texts, extend vocabulary and discuss events/character and plots within texts. By reading extra at home, it enables the children to broaden their vocabulary and become fluent with their reading, whilst also understanding what they are reading.

**Maths**

To start off our school year we are focusing on place value. We will look at how to make certain numbers in a variety of ways, look at the value of numbers, read and write numbers in digits and words including decimals. We will also order numbers from largest to smallest. We will also be consolidating written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Each day the children will have some Maths problems to solve independently in the morning to embed their learning. We will continue to improve our times tables knowledge to ensure the children have that knowledge to use across all areas of maths.

**Further curriculum subjects**

**Science** – In our science work this half term we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be looking at the human circulatory system and its functions. We will be investigating the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on our bodies as well as describing ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals and humans.

**Geography** – In geography we will be looking at how the coastlines have changed over time. We will be identifying the physical and human impact of coastal erosion. The children will learn to use the eight points of a compass and four and six-figure grid references including symbols and keys.

**RE** – We will be focusing on Christianity – Church and the children will learn about the main aspects of the church and what ceremonies happen within church.

**PSHE** – We will be focusing on relationships.

**Art** – The children will be looking at making a 2D image 3D.

**Computing** – The children will be looking at computer systems and networks.

**Reminders**

**PE** – PE this term is taught on a Tuesday and Friday. They will be doing invasion games (Hockey) and gymnastics.