Homework

Spellings- These will be handed out every week on a Monday and tested on a Thursday.

Reading Plus- Five reading lessons and one vocabulary lesson are assigned per week. This is to be completed both at school and at home. Children who DO NOT finish by Friday will complete during Shine Time.

My Maths- One piece of homework is set on Monday and is to be completed by Friday. Children who DO NOT finish by Friday will complete during Shine Time.

PE Days

PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Children must come to school in their full PE kits on these days. Please ensure that your child is wearing the school PE kit which includes: Drive PE top, blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings (not branded) and appropriate trainers.

Autumn Term



Year 6

Mrs Graham

Information for Children, Parents and Carers

During this term we will be learning about:

English
Our class text is *Room 13* by Robert Swindells, which tells the tale of a group of friends on a school trip to a creepy guest house in Whitby. They attempt to unravel the mystery of the thirteenth room and determine the identity of its sinister inhabitant. We will be completing focused reading activities as well as looking at language and character's behavior. We will complete a piece of spooky and suspenseful narrative writing to get us in the mood for Halloween.

Maths
Children will develop their understanding of additive structures (subtraction and addition), number relationships, place value and calculation strategies before applying these skills to increasingly complex problems.

Science
This term, Year 6 will explore light and how it travels. Children will learn that light travels in straight lines and use this knowledge to explain how we see objects, how reflections are formed and why shadows have the same shape as the objects that create them.

History
Children will learn how historians use census records to find out about people who lived in the past. Children will explore historical census data to investigate what life was like for different families and communities, discovering information such as occupations, ages, family relationships and living conditions.
Through this topic, pupils will develop their skills as historians by asking questions, analysing evidence and drawing conclusions from primary sources.

Geography
Children will explore the question "Why does population change?" Children will investigate how and why populations vary across the world, looking at factors such as migration, birth rates and access to resources. They will use maps, data and geographical enquiries to understand why some areas are densely populated while others have far fewer people, developing their analytical and geographical skills along the way.

Religious Education
This term, Year 6 will explore why religions can be practised in different ways across the world. Children will investigate how factors such as culture, history, geography and local traditions influence the beliefs and practices of religious communities. They will learn that there is diversity both between and within religions and worldviews.

Music
Children will look at different styles of music and compare how the music makes them feel. They will then improvise and begin to compose their own music.

Physical Education
During this term, children will be completing Health Related Exercises in the form of Circuits. Lessons will focus on the children's understanding of strength, flexibility and the cardiovascular elements of fitness. During lessons pupils will complete cardio, flexibility and strength focused circuits, focusing on team work, achieving a personal best and enhancing their own fitness.

PSHE/ RSE/Wellbeing
This term, Year 6 will explore how to take care of their physical and mental wellbeing. Children will learn about the links between thoughts, feelings and actions, develop strategies for managing emotions, and consider how healthy lifestyle choices can support both body and mind.

Art
We will study the work of Frida Kahlo and explore how artists use self-portraits to express their identity and experiences. Children will develop their drawing and painting skills by creating self-portraits, learning about proportion, colour, texture and composition, before enhancing their artwork with collage and mixed media to represent aspects of a healthy lifestyle and wellbeing.

D&T

This Autumn Term, pupils will explore food and culture through their learning about Diwali. They will discover traditional foods associated with the festival, learn about healthy food preparation and hygiene, and develop practical cooking skills using a range of utensils and techniques. Children will follow and adapt recipes, explore different ingredients and flavours, and understand the difference between sweet and savoury dishes. As part of their learning, they will use their knowledge to design a traditional Diwali meal that could be served in our school dinner hall.

Computing

Year 6 pupils will develop their understanding of how technology has shaped the modern world. They will explore the work of the codebreakers at Bletchley Park, learn about the history of computers, and begin programming using Python. Children will also investigate how big data is collected and used, considering both its benefits and potential risks.