

English

Prior to SATS, we will mainly focus our learning on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) within English sessions. Guided Reading and time to practise past reading papers will also be planned into each day. Now that we are more familiar with the types of questions we will be asked and the answers that are required, our main focus is to work on timing - making sure we manage to complete the whole paper in the given time.

Daily reading at home continues to be of importance to the Year 6 children, especially reading to an adult at home and spending time discussing the text they have read.

From the middle of May we will focus on our writing and being able to embed the grammatical skills we have learnt in our GPS sessions. We will complete many cross-curricular pieces of writing and even perform poetry by the end of the year.



Remember we have online platforms to help your child at home with their English work. Spelling Shed can be used for interactive learning and games.

PE



PE will take place each week on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child has a full, **named** PE kit in school **every day** as lessons may have to be rescheduled or additional lessons may become available.

Shorts and T-shirts are essential, however your child may want to bring tracksuit bottoms and a jumper on cooler days. A change of footwear (trainers) are needed for each session. It is also important for children to bring a water bottle. We are hoping for some sunshine this term so roll on deodorant and good hygiene is encouraged as well as sun cream and a sun hat.

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2024



What an amazing start Year 6 have made to their last term of primary school! We are already so proud of the effort they are putting into their learning.

This term will be busier than anything we've seen already. We have just another few weeks before our statutory assessments (and of course some well-deserved treats after!).

Between Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May, the children will sit their SATS tests. Children have worked exceptionally hard for these and everyone deserves to do brilliantly well.

Following the assessments we will be enjoying our residential visit, rehearsing for our end of year production, and participating in our planned transition days that help prepare your child for secondary education.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to showcase our leavers' production on Monday 8th July and also for our leavers' assembly on Friday 19th July.

A reminder - if you would like to keep completely up to date, you can follow our Year 6 Twitter page: @MissE_HCPS.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to email: aelliott@huttoncranswick.eriding.net

Thank you for your continued support.

Maths

Our maths is improving every single day! I have seen huge progress in this subject this year, particularly with arithmetic which is super to see. Now that the children are confident with all arithmetic methods, we will continue to apply this knowledge to our more complex reasoning questions.

It is imperative that children continue to practise their times tables. They are extremely important in many aspects of our maths curriculum and the more confident they are, the easier and quicker it is for them to solve more challenging questions. While we carry on teaching these skills, please spend as much time as possible helping your child to be as confident as they can in this area.

Remember we have our online learning platforms to help your child with their maths at home. These are **Mathletics** and **TT Rockstars**.



Computing

A range of ICT, such as chromebooks and iPads, will be used throughout the curriculum to enhance our learning. As well as the use of multimedia, we will look at coding through Purple Mash and even make our own game.

We continue to have a heavy focus on E-Safety with children understanding more about their responsibility of using the internet appropriately. This will include looking at the appropriate use of social media platforms such as WhatsApp, TikTok and Snapchat as well as following the Natterhub curriculum.



PSHE/HeartSmart

A large part of this term will focus on promoting your child's mental health. We will continue teaching from the HeartSmart scheme for PSHE this term. It is evident that it is helping to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. Within this, children will be repeatedly encouraged to adopt a growth mind-set whilst maintaining a healthy emotional epicentre. All of these qualities are essential for Year 6 children when it comes to their transition to their new schools in Year 7 later in the term and for the challenges they will face in later life. We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.

Following on from our Big Talk, we have spoken to children in depth about the need of good personal hygiene. We will continue to look at the importance of washing our bodies and hair with soap and shampoo; cleaning our teeth twice a day; changing into clean clothes after a shower and using deodorant.

Learning Challenges

The whole school theme for the Summer Term will be 'Our World and Beyond'. Our Learning Challenge this half term is a history topic of the Vikings, Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. We will start by completing a K and W grid, which for each child shows what I know/what I want to learn. We will also complete a double page spread as we navigate through our learning challenge to showcase our substantive knowledge. This will clearly show what the children have learnt during the topic.

For the second half term, we will revisit geography and complete a topic around Fairtrade. We will look at what Fairtrade means to farmers, be able to locate Fairtrade countries and also be able to describe the Fairtrade journey of chocolate.



Alongside our history topic, Mrs Lewer will teach the children science on a Wednesday afternoon. She will begin the term by completing the Living Things and their Habitats topic before starting an exciting new project using the Crumble Kits. This will link nicely with our computing work. Children will be able to use the electronic kits to create their own fairground ride. We are very much looking forward to seeing what creative ideas they have!



Art, D&T and STEM

Our D&T sessions will have a food and nutrition focus this term. We will be designing, making and evaluating our own healthy Fairtrade snack before the end of the year. In art, we will focus our learning around sculptures. We will use inspiration from sculpture artists in order to create our own individual 3D sculptures.

The ever-popular STEM afternoons will be making a comeback on Fridays this term. Children will complete homework prior to their STEM session and get a chance to use problem solving and critical thinking skills as part of the planned activities. It is also a brilliant opportunity for children to work alongside other Key Stage 2 classes during these afternoons.



RE

RE will be taught on a Wednesday afternoon by Mrs Walker. The unit will be called 'Hopes and Dreams' with the key question: What is life about? Part of this will involve children looking at what commitment and eternity are.

By the end of this topic children should be able to explain and justify what they think the purpose of life is. They will also be part of a class debate about the challenge of the world and be able to give different religious and non-religious viewpoints.



Story Time

We will continue reading a class story, and other short stories, throughout the term. Since children enjoyed shared reading so much with the younger years during World Book Week, we hope to provide opportunities for this to continue.

