



January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good break. It has been so lovely to see the children again after the holiday.

Curriculum

This half term's focus:

English – We have a unit on writing a balanced argument and then a unit called 'Revolting recipes'.

Maths – We are focusing on decimals, percentages and fractions for the first part of this half term before doing some work on measurement and converting measurements. The children are now having a weekly arithmetic test during their Monday lesson. This will help to prepare them for the SATs arithmetic paper. Each week we will go through and mark the paper with them after and they will then bring this home. We encourage you and them to use this to help with areas to practise at home.

Computing – 'Online Safety – Sharing Online and Creating a Positive Online Reputation' & 'Programming – Intro to Python' Jason Bichri teaches these computing lessons once a fortnight.

Religions and world views – 'What do People Believe about life?' In this topic we will explore ideas about the natural world and our place in it, relating them to religious and other beliefs. We touch on some beliefs from Christianity but have a focus on Buddhism.

D&T – 'Textiles' – we will shortly be booking in our DT afternoons for each class to focus on this topic, where the children will be designing and making a waistcoat.

History – We will finish our unit on 'The African kingdoms of Ethiopia and Benin'. We will then move onto our new topic 'London through time'. In this topic we look at the history of London, starting from the 16 and 17th century and how it has changed.

Geography – We will finish our unit on 'Ethiopia'. Our new unit is called 'Changing UK'. In this unit we focus on the city of Birmingham and how it has developed in the last century.

Science – We will soon finish our topic on 'The Science of Light' before moving onto our new topic 'Electricity'. In this unit we will be making simple circuits, exploring how the different components work and how the number of components and the voltage affects them.

Home Learning

English, maths and wider curriculum home learning will be sent out shortly. We also produce a weekly maths sheet which focuses on key maths skills for children to practise at home.

Spellings will continue to be sent home weekly. If you would like a printed copy of these please ask your class teacher. Otherwise, they are posted on parent Hub.

We are all very excited about the year ahead and we want to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions don't hesitate to come and speak to us. If it's not a good time to talk then we will find a time that works for both of us.

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 22nd January: Sibling photos

Friday 30th January: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

Yours sincerely,
The Year 6 Team