



Year 6 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Coming up in Autumn 2

Martian Madness!

We can't wait to dive back in time to the Victorian period, which will form the setting for our next exciting theme. The children will be using the story of the 'War of the Worlds' as inspiration for our learning; we will be experimenting with torches and light rays in Science to help us understand how light really works!



Using all of our learning, we will answer the question:
What is darkness?

As well as this, in Art we will bring our War of the Worlds-inspired pictures to life by learning how to create depth in our drawings.

Thank you for your continued support
Year 6 Team

Our English learning will include a witness statement after the mysterious crash-landing of an object on Horrsell Common, a setting description of 'Dead London' and a persuasive speech to rally the Victorian troops - all inspired by H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds* and the writing of scientific reports (linked to our Science learning).



Our Mathematics learning will help us to learn more about fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will be using the four operations to calculate with different types of fractions and in Mathemagic Mondays we will be focusing on calculating percentages of amounts.

Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF) unit is:



Keeping Myself Safe

The key learning points are:

- the rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contacts, and how to report them.
- to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private.
- the risks of sharing photos and films of themselves with other people
- the facts about legal and illegal harmful substances, including risks associated with smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking.

We will also discuss the issues covered by Anti-bullying Week.

How you can support your child's learning at home



Supporting your child to complete their Home Learning each week is one of the best ways that you can help from home. Our Home Learning will continue to be sent home, and each week's Home Learning (whether it is Maths or Spelling-based) will be to help them remember key number facts and spelling rules. We also can't stress the importance of daily reading; this could be with an adult or simply reading by themselves for pleasure.

At this stage in Year 6, we cannot stress the importance of times table/division fact practice and spelling practice. Knowing multiplication and division facts is really important for the fractions learning we will be completing this half-term.

As well as this, a Year 6 learner should try to read for at least 15 minutes each day. If your child would like to have something to read about, this is a great chance to explore more about light in the science world.

Year 6 Messages

Thank you for your support with Home Learning. Please return Home Learning books by Wednesday each week, so that it can be marked and returned on Friday.

Dates for your Year 6 diary

The school nurses will be visiting Year 6 on **Monday 20th November** to measure height and weight.

We are excited to invite you to a parent drop-in on **Tuesday 5th December at 3:00pm** for a tour of our Art Gallery, which will be displaying our drawings based on *War of the Worlds*.

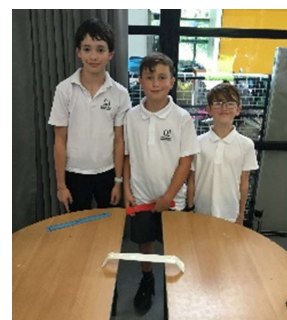
Wednesday 13th December – KS2 Christmas Performance

Find out about the wonderful learning we did in Autumn 1 on the next page...

Our Learning in Autumn 1

The History of Devious Deeds

To begin the year in the best possible way, the children practised their teamwork and collaboration to achieve a shared goal; they were set the challenge of building a free-standing bridge out of straws and sellotape. The children really had to think about the qualities they needed in order to collaborate well in a small group – it wasn't always easy! They listened well and shared their ideas to become master builders.



The children loved their visit from Past Productions, who came in to help with our learning about **Crime and Punishment**. They had a fun day learning about and re-enacting some of our country's more gruesome punishments and petty crimes, from Roman courts to Tudor witches.



To help them understand what life was like for a criminal in a Victorian prison, the children re-enacted a series of back-breaking punishments – in silence!

These experiences then helped them to write up diary entries in the role of Victorian prisoners.



Continuing on with our drama-based activities, we welcomed **The Young Shakespeare Company** to Queen's Inclosure to perform the famous play, Macbeth. Once again, the children had the opportunity to join in with sound effects, acting and recitals, which they thoroughly enjoyed and has helped them tremendously with their writing in class.

