

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

This newsletter gives an overview of the content and skills we will cover during the second half of the Autumn term. Please remember to visit our Year 6 class page at:

<https://www.gloryfarmschool.co.uk/702/year-6>

to find out what we have been learning in school.

## Natural Disasters

### English

This term, our English will be focused around the book 'Escaping the Giant Wave' by Peg Kehret. We will be developing skills in all aspects of grammar through our reading. There will be opportunities to write in variety of different genres, including adventure stories. Children's speaking and listening skills will be developed through discussions and presentations.



### Reading

Over the course of this term, we will be reading a variety of different texts. We will use each of these to explore a variety of questions covering areas such as: clarification of word meaning, making predictions and inference - all of which will demonstrate our understanding of the text.

The children should also be reading at home for 20 minutes each day and recording this in their Reading Journals.

### Mathematics

In Year 6, we will be continuing to develop skills in the following areas:

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Order of operations in calculations
- Mental calculations
- Calculating with fractions - using the 4 operators
- Coordinates
- Translation and reflection
- Area and perimeter

### MUSIC

We continue our "journey" through the years as we listen to, and explore, a variety of musical styles and performances.

We will be focussing on increasing speed and accuracy in all areas of calculation. Times-tables facts will form an essential tool, so please help your child with their practice at home! Don't forget [trockstars.co.uk](http://trockstars.co.uk)

## Science

This term we will be studying light. We will look at the different sources of light, how light travels in straight lines and how our eyes interpret light to help us see. Using this knowledge we will investigate the formation and shape of shadows and how they change throughout the day.

Finally, we will look at reflection, using mirrors and reflective surfaces to explore the angles created and images produced.

## History & Geography

This term we will be studying Geography and focusing on natural disasters. We will look at a different natural disaster each week, including: hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, earthquakes, flooding, volcanoes and wildfires.

The children will develop an understanding of the causes and consequences of these disasters, alongside looking at the geographical locations.

## P.E

PE will continue on Wednesday and Friday afternoons so please continue to send your child into school in their PE kits on these days. We will, within the guidelines we have, continue to work at the skills rather than the actual playing of sport.

Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit consisting of black/navy shorts, plain white t-shirt and a pair of trainers suitable for outdoors in school. No logos please!

## R.E

Over the year, we will be focusing on the elements of the Christmas story and its significance during this festive period.

## Art/DT

We will be focusing on using colour to create paintings based on natural disasters.

Towards the end of the term, we will then be sewing our own 3D Christmas tree decorations for the children to bring home for your tree.



## Computing

children will be continuing to develop their computing skills with Mrs Kennedy, from The Cooper School. The focus for this term will be e-safety, and using Google Docs to produce word documents.

Research and general word-processing skills will continue to be developed in class using the chrome books we have available in Year 6.

## Homework



Homework will be given out on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. Spellings will continue to be handed out on Monday and tested the following week. If your child is not sure what homework they have or what spellings they need to learn, please ask them to check on Google Classroom as everything is updated every week.

It is important that children are continuing to read at home as well as learning their times tables. Both of these will really help develop their learning in the classroom.