Year 6 Hummingbirds Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2026-2027!

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!

Hello, I am Miss Kee. I will be teaching Year 6 Herons this year. I cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning!

Staff working across Year this term:

Miss Kee



Mr Little



Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd September 2026 School starts

Friday 11th September Year 6 Parent sharing assembly

Tuesday 15th September Year 6 Yard Art Project 1.30 -3.30pm

Friday 25th September Wear a recycled outfit

Friday 2nd October Year 6 visit to The Churchill War Rooms

Sunday 11th October Run Gainsborough Run

Friday 23rd October 2.45 Parents in class

Friday 23rd October 3.30 -5.30 Black History Month event

Friday 23rd October end of term

Half term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Trips and Visits

Friday 2nd October Year 6 visit to The Churchill War Rooms



PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Thursdays.**



Reading

This half term we will be reading 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of drama which links well to our topic this term of WW1.

In our reading lessons, we will be reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, to make further connections with our topic of WW1 this term.

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link : **Reading Plus**

Writing

Our writing units this half term are based around our topic World War One. Using the story 'Warhorse' by Michael Morpurgo, the children will write a newspaper report recounting the Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. The children will also write a narrative piece, focusing on including flashbacks. They will write in the role of a WWI soldier, looking at the physical and emotional journey young men were faced with during this time. Throughout their writing, they will be incorporating a variety of SPaG features, such as writing in the correct tense.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3dbg82

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:
Log in to Spellzone

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Place Value- We will learn to round numbers to a given degree of accuracy, compare and order numbers up to 10 million.

Four Operations- We will carry out calculations involving all four operations. We will develop our knowledge of long multiplication and division.

Fractions -adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. The chapter begins with pupils simplifying fractions and then moves on to comparing and ordering fractions. Pupils are working with basic fractions and mixed numbers.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zf7bkqt/revision/1

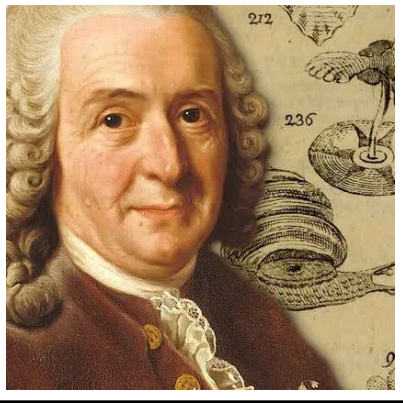
Dreambox Maths

Times Tables Rock Stars

Science

Our science topic this half term will be 'Living things and their habitats'. We will investigate different types of animals and plants and use the information discovered to create a range of classification keys.
We will study the biologist, Carl Linnaeus, and his systems and classifications of animals and plants.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zhnjf4j



History and Geography	Campaign
In history, our learning will be centered around World War I this term, where we will be exploring the causes of World War I. The children will be looking at what caused the war, the countries involved and the alliances they formed and the consequences of each action taken. In addition, the children will use a range of primary and secondary sources to investigate what life was like for soldiers on the battlefield, observing rations and the trenches. The children will also learn about the Christmas Day truce and what conditions were like in the trenches. They will look into the impact war has on families across the world. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q	Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Safe.' We will be learning about road safety and will select Junior Road Safety Officers from our class to represent Gainsborough. We will present our ideas about road safety to the school. 

ICT	**Communication and collaboration** In ICT this half term children will explore how data is transferred over the internet. The children will look at how the internet facilitates online communication and collaborations. During the half term children will complete projects online and will evaluate different methods of communication.
PSHE	**Being Me in My World** In this Puzzle (unit) the children discuss their year ahead, they learn to set goals and discuss their fears and worries about the future. The class will learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and that these are not met for all children worldwide. They will talk about their choices and actions and how these can have far-reaching effects, locally and globally. The children will talk about their own behaviour and how their choices can result in rewards and consequences and how they feel.
RE	**Christianity** Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'Is anything ever eternal?' We will learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on Netball and basketball. Class PE Day: **Thursday**
Music	**Motown** The children will be exploring Pop/Motown music and will develop their improvisation and composition techniques. They will be able to express their understanding using key vocabulary including tempo, notation and rhythm.
Art	**Textiles Printing / Painting** In art, children will create abstract paintings using watercolours. Building on their painting skills from last year, Year 6 will take inspiration from the experiences during World War One.
DT and Cooking	**Drinks** This term, we will make a drink to celebrate Black History Month. We will be making Agua de Jamaica.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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