

## PE

If your child is in 6P they will have PE on a Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon. 6F will have their PE on a Monday morning and a Friday afternoon. Children will need to arrive in school wearing their school PE kit: White t-shirt, plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and their school jumper.

## Homework

Pupils have the following homework handed out on Thursday each week:

- Weekly spellings
- Reading (each night for at least 15 minutes. Sign reading records at least 3 times per week.)
- Projects linked to learning in class to complete over the term.

Homework should be handed in by Monday each week. Spellings will be tested on Friday.

## Reading Challenge

Your child will be completing a new reading challenge and during this half term aim towards their bronze award. This will mean that they have read 8 age-appropriate texts over a variety of genres. We look forward to celebrating with the pupils as they begin their challenges. Let's get reading!

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 Own choice book	Holes By Louis Sachar	Skellig By David Almond	River Boy Tim Bowler	Clockwork By Philip Pullman
Teacher Recommends 	Wonder By R.J. Palacio	Stars outside my window By Orlyot G Rauf	The Night Bus By Orlyot G Rauf	Where the River runs Gold By Sita Brahmachari
Lalans of the Distant Sea By Erin Entrada Kelly	Fantastic Beasts and where to find them By J.K. Rowling	Letters from a Lighthouse By Emma Carroll	Mortal Engines By Phillip Reeve	 Own choice book
No Ballet shoes in Syria By Catherine Breton	Diary of a Wimpy Kid By Jeff Kinney	Mrs Flanagan Recommends 	 Own choice book	Boy in the Tower By Polly Ho-Yen
The girl of ink & stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave	Secrets of a Sun King Emma Carroll	Overhead in a Tower Block Poems by Joseph Coelho	Dave's Daughter By Patricia Lawrence	Wolf Hollow Lauren Wolf
Bronze Award - 8 books		Silver Award - 15 books		Gold Award - 25 books

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'Growing Together in Newtown'  
*Lifelong Aspirations, Lifelong Prospects*

Your child's learning in Year 6  
Autumn 1 Term

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## Reading

During Autumn 1 we will be reading *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll, a story of secrets and wrongs that must be put right in order to break the deadly curse. Throughout the week, pupils will develop their reading skills, by exploring the vocabulary, making inferences and using retrieval skills to answer questions about the text.



## RE

This half term pupils will be exploring the unit 'What will make Birmingham a more respectful community?' Looking through the eyes of the Hindu and Christian religions.

In collective worship, we will start with the value of Thankfulness.

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
**Colossians 4:2**

## PSHE

During this half term, our theme in PSHE will be 'Being me in the world'. This term will include children exploring their goals for the year ahead, through understanding fears and worries about the future and identifying how to express them. They will also recognise their place as a global citizen and the benefits of democracy within their society.

## Art

As artists, we will be exploring photography. We will have the opportunity to explore different contrasts and compositions discussing the impact this has on the image. They will be able to recreate famous paintings using photographs and editing software



## Writing

During this half term, we will be writing to entertain through the genres poetry and defeating a monster.

The poetry unit will utilize the text 'I am cat' a piece of writing written from the perspective of a cat with the focus of learning on description. The defeating a monster unit will focus on description the mythological creature the Tibicena.

We will also have a focus on handwriting, joining correctly, writing with speed and spelling of key vocabulary



## Science

As scientists' children will be investigating Light and Perception and answering the big question 'How are we able to see the things we do?' This will be a physics focussed unit on light which dives into both light and how we see and perceive both objects and light itself. Throughout the unit children will develop an understanding of technical vocabulary used for parts of the eye as well as completing scientific investigations to explore the law of reflection.

## Music



As musicians, the children in Year Six will continue with their music lessons in Cello and Violin. These are taught by specialist teachers from the music service. We will also look at the music unit Happy.

## Maths



As mathematicians, we will start year 6 with a focus on place value. Throughout the unit your child will learn to read, write, and compare numbers up to 10,000,000. They will also round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy and solve complex problems using place value

Our focus through the second part of the half of the term will explore the operations addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division mastering written formal methods.

We encourage the pupils to continue logging into TTRockstars weekly to ensure secure times table.

## History

As historians, we will discover the 'Ancient Egyptians', pupils will explore the ancient Egyptian civilisation and how over 30 dynasties created a successful Egypt throughout a 3000-year period. Children will explore key events such as the building of the pyramids and Tutankhamun's tomb. Pupils will also have the opportunity to engage in an in-person workshop exploring housing, food and drink, clothing and many other grisly and gruesome facts.

## Computing

Computing will focus on e safety and learning how to navigate the internet in an informed, safe, and respectful way.