

Curriculum Overview Year 6 Autumn Term 2016

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English</u></p> <p>Children will write a character description, Non-chronological report, balanced argument and an atmospheric piece of writing linked to our IPC Topic. Narrative Poetry will conclude the term. Spelling and Grammar knowledge will be consolidated and extended. Children will study a variety of genres in class reading sessions. Spellings will be given and tested on a weekly basis.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths</u></p> <p>Numeracy work will focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, understanding the number system, solving problems, measurement, shape and space, and data handling. Tables will be tested weekly and linked maths homework will be given. Lessons include a mental oral element to encourage: rapid response, thorough knowledge of facts and flexible thinking. Some children will receive extra Maths support in the afternoons (Booster Groups)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>During the term we will be looking at Keeping Healthy, Getting on and falling out and Say No to bullying. Through these topics the children will be looking at keeping healthy, staying safe and cooperating together.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p>In PE the following areas will be covered: gymnastics, dance and invasion games. Through these, the children will develop and extend their practical skills, knowledge and understanding and team work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RE</u></p> <p>RE this term will enable the children to explore the religions of Christianity and Judaism, while asking and responding to key questions about their own and others' beliefs. A key feature in this unit is the learning about what Christians think about suffering.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IPC</u></p> <p>IPC is our topic based approach to the foundation subjects. This term our topics 'Mission to Mars' and '3D Designers' are interlinked.</p> <p>In Science, we'll be finding out about Mars, while focusing on the areas of living organisms, forces and energy sources.</p> <p>In Geography, we'll be finding out about the Geographical features of Mars.</p> <p>In Technology, we'll be finding out about the technology used to explore Mars, making our own Mars Buggies and designing a shelter to live on Mars.</p> <p>In History, we'll be finding out what people in the past used to think about Mars and looking at arguments based upon live on Mars.</p> <p>Finally we'll be looking at the reasons why we might need to live on another planet and will design a new one.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MFL</u></p> <p>We will be focusing on learning the French language and exploring French culture. Mr. Bevan (a fluent French Speaker will teach the children in ability groupings each week)</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Art & Design</u></p> <p>Art will focus on pencil skills: shade and line and pattern work-Character study and drawing of Planet.</p> <p>Textiles-Mrs. Bevan will teach Tapestry linked to our space topic this term.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Throughout the term the children will use a range of ICT equipment and programs to enhance their learning.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music</u></p> <p>The children will focus on composing. They will perform their own compositions for Harvest as well study 'The Planet Suite' and learn how to compose their own music based upon the planet Mars.</p> <p>Children will also be taught how to sing a variety of melodies.</p>	



Ipplepen Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Summer holiday and I would like to welcome you to the Autumn term in Year 6.

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Six this term, as well as a copy of your child's basic timetable.

As you are aware, your child has recently brought home their registration forms for their new Secondary School, please do make sure that these are completed by the deadline of October 31st 2016- Just follow the instructions in the envelope that you were given.

To give you advance notice, Year 6 testing (SATs) will be in the week commencing 8th May 2017, and we ask that you do not take any holiday or book appointments during this week.

Year 6 is a very important Year for the children and I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce a few of the expectations that we have in Year Six.

- ❖ Please ensure that the children arrive to school promptly. They must be in school by 8.55am ready to begin work on their individual structured Spelling Programmes. Some children will receive additional spelling support during this time and it is essential that they are on time for this in order to receive the teaching input at the beginning.
- ❖ Please encourage your child to read as often as possible. They are to record their reading in the class Record Book which will be closely monitored. Children will be asked to give up some of their lunch times if there is no evidence of reading taking place outside of school. The children now have access to the texts exclusively for Year 6 in the library but they are also more than welcome to read any texts from home. I expect the children to read from a variety of genres so as to broaden their knowledge.
- ❖ In line with the other USF schools, full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. Children can change into PE shoes/trainers for playtimes only. As Health and Safety is so prominent these days, we ask that all jewellery (not including a wrist watch) is kept at home with the exception of stud earrings which must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. All children with long hair *must tie it back* and children's hair should be a natural colour. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Now the weather is becoming more Autumnal please ensure your child has a raincoat in school.
- ❖ PE lessons are on: Wednesday and Friday

Named PE kit in a bag is required on these days. Please ensure that children wear the school PE kit and have trainers in school.

On Wednesdays the children may wear a tracksuit in the winter months outside.

On Fridays the children will be doing dance or Gym and must only wear shorts and T-Shirt please.

- ❖ Homework is given out every Thursday and will be collected in on Tuesday. Children will have a Maths and an English homework task each week. Homework is to be completed in the appropriate homework book for each subject, clear instructions will be issued for both subjects each week. Do let me know if there are any problems regarding the homework, preferably well before the day the homework is due in. There will also be occasions whereby the children are given a longer project style homework and clear dates will be provided when this is the case.
- ❖ Spellings will be tested on a Thursday. A pass mark will be set and if children do not achieve this, they will be required to learn these spellings for a re-test later in the week.
- ❖ If your child is scootering or cycling to school please ensure they are wearing a helmet.
- ❖ Additional Staff in Year 6:

We are lucky to be joined by Miss Moseley (Full Time in Class) and Mrs. Petty (Spelling Intervention Groups) as our Learning Support Assistants this year.

We welcome back Mrs. Lara Brewer who has taught extra Maths and English sessions to our Year 6 children over the years. These sessions are called 'Boosters' If your child is placed in a 'Booster' session, they will receive extra Maths and/or English input in the afternoons throughout the week. The children always enjoy these sessions as well as the opportunity for more support. Such support is carefully tailored to the children's needs, it may continue for the year or may just be necessary for a short period. The children have undertaken some baseline SAT's assessments this week which helps us to build a picture of which children would benefit from 'Booster' sessions.

Mrs. Lacey will also work with a Maths group for 3 sessions per week.

I will continue to have my Management Time and Planning Time on a Wednesday this year. The class will be covered by Miss Sarah Foster in the mornings and by Mr.Huxham-new P.E. teacher in the afternoons.

I am also delighted to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Bevan who will be teaching French and Tapestry to the Year 6 children again this year.

Finally, may I just flag up the importance of Internet/Computer safety as the children will be using ICT a great deal in their research. If you wish to find out more about this, these websites may be useful: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> or <http://ceop.police.uk/>

Thank you for your support. I look forward to another exciting year in Class 6.

Please do come and speak to me if you have any queries about the content of this letter.

Kind Regards,

Mrs E Hancox

Key Stage 2 Leader and Year 6 Class teacher.