Year 6; Spring 1

What we will be



learning this half term

READING	How to help at home
Pupils will be reading Holes by Louis Sacher	Encourage your child to read other
This term the children will focus on a unit of poetry where they will be	poems.
given the opportunity to perform poetry and develop their expression,	·
tone and clarity of speech.	
Reading Comprehension	Ensure your child regularly logs in to
Pupils will continue to read an increasingly wide range of fiction,	Reading Eggspress at home.
poetry, plays, non-fiction and books from other cultures and	3 33 1
traditions.	Ensure your child reads a variety of
They will be applying their taught comprehension skills, such as:	different genres; fiction, non-fiction.
inference, retrieval, skimming, scanning and decoding when	
answering SATs style comprehension questions. They will begin to	
practise SATs style papers regularly to prepare for their tests in May.	
WRITING	How to help at home
Pupils will continue to cover a range of writing genres including	Practise the Year 3 -4 and 5-6
recounts, diaries, blog posts, narratives and poetry. Focusing on their	spellings.
independent editing skills: checking their spellings, use of punctuation	
and grammar.	
Children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of SPAG in their	Revisit the grammatical terms taught
writing.	during Year 6
They will be revisiting and reviewing all taught concepts and starting	
their revision for their SATs. They will be regularly completing practice	
SATs style questions an d past papers.	
MATHEMATICS	How to help at home
This half term pupils will be revisiting taught concepts in a wide range	Practise times tables regularly with
of topics in preparation for their upcoming SATS in Summer 1.	your child
Through regular timed assessments, children will have the	
opportunity to practise their arithmetic skills and consolidate on their	Regularly revisit arithmetic skills and
understanding of solving reasoning style questions.	practise.
	Support your children with homework
	and refer to the Year 6 maths booklet
	we supplied you with.
SCIENCE	How to help at home
The focus this half term will be 'Seeing light'.	Encourage children to discuss what
Pupils will build on the work on light in year 3, exploring the way that	they learnt at school.
light behaves, including light sources, reflection and shadows.	
Pupils will learn to recognise that light appears to travel in straight	
lines and that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light	
into the eye.	
Through investigation, pupils will consolidate their understanding of	
how shadows are formed and carry out investigations to explain why	
shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them	

COMPUTING	How to help at home
These half term pupils will continue to learn how coding can detect	Talk to your child about what they are
property values and parameters of objects	doing at school.
They will develop their skills to use random numbers, variables and	
conditional events to affect an object's properties	
They will also learn to detect properties of objects and apply these to	
other objects and develop their skills to detect the speed and	
direction of the mouse and pass these onto objects.	

HUMANITIES

Geography

Children will continue to learn to identify and understand geographical similarities and differences through a study of human and physical geography of a region in North America. This will include; identifying countries within North America, recapping human and physical features and describing and explaining the processes that cause natural disasters. Children will also further develop their skills to use maps, atlases and compasses.

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MUSIC	RE	PHSE
Rap with control and pronounce words fully whilst maintaining rhythm. Instrumental skills Use Ukulele's and change between two chords. Perform a part in a group piece and evaluate the Performance.	Sikhism Pupils learn about the origins of Sikh faith and their way of life. Pupils will make comparisons between the Sikh and Hindu creation stories to understand how some faiths are similar. Pupils will learn about religious ceremonies such as the Dastar Bhandi.	Pupils will be learning about the impact of food, alcohol and drugs on the body, gaining an understanding of people's attitudes towards mental health/illness and knowing how to get help in emergency situations.
ART & DT	PE	
Art This term pupil's will be looking at the work of a famous artist – Jackson Pollock. They will learn to use drawing, painting and sculpting techniques used by Jackson Pollock to develop and create one's own works of art.	Net and Wall Games: Pupils will learn how to catch, throw and strike different sized balls. They will gain an understanding of the rules and have the chance to play competitively in games of tennis and badminton. They will learn that good teamwork shows effective communication and co-operation. Dance This term pupil's will learn how to develop and perform a dance in response to a stimulus. Including a range of movements up to 20+. They will be evaluating their performances being able to demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.	