



Here are some of the exciting things we are learning about in Year 6 this term...

English	Mathematics
<p>For the first half of the term, we will be reading the first book from 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket. We will be basing our English and guided reading sessions around this as we read through the novel. We will intertwine our Y6 Grammar points with longer pieces of writing from the characters' points of view as well as creating our own narrative based on the story.</p> <p>In the second term we will turn our attentions to the wordless novel 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. It is an immigrant story, but in a more universal sense it conveys the feeling that we've all had at some point of being lost, frightened, or confused in an unfamiliar environment.</p>	<p>Leading up to SATs the children will cover units on ratio, statistics and then geometry focusing on calculating and measuring different angles of shapes. Alongside this, there will frequent consolidation opportunities for the children to embed their learning before their transition to high school.</p> <p>There will also be the opportunity for various theme-based activities and financial management and planning by taking part in the Virgin Money £5 challenge, where the children have the aim of creating a small profitable business and understanding profit and loss.</p>
Theme	
<p>The over-arching topics for the Summer Term are 'All Around the World' and then Charles Darwin as an inspirational figure. These will be predominantly geography focussed where we will ensure that children recognise and respect the uniqueness and diversity of people and cultures all around the world. We will compare some major cities around the world looking at trade and transport links as well why certain places attract tourists. The children will then have the opportunity to develop a persuasive travel brochure as well as writing through the eyes of a travel blogger. We will utilise videos, maps, atlases, non-fiction texts and iPads to carry out independent research. We will also study how our local area meets the needs of the people. We will also map out Darwin's voyage around the world.</p>	
Science	
<p>Throughout the Summer Term we will be covering Evolution and Inheritance recognising that living things have changed over time and how fossils give us clues to the past. We will look at changes in offspring Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.</p> <p>We will then focus on a unit about Electricity building on knowledge from Y4. We will be creating circuits that utilise different electrical components and create a board game.</p> <p>Finally, we look at classifying Living Things and their Habitats around the world, based on similarities and differences.</p>	
Computing	Music
<p>Using Purple Mash, the children will be studying units on blogging, creating a text adventure and map, networks and the history of the internet and finally developing quizzes in a variety of contexts.</p> <p>Alongside this, there will be frequent research sessions to support topic work using the internet and a range of programmes from work set.</p>	<p>The children's first unit will be 'Music and Me', focusing on inspirational women working in music. Throughout the unit, the children will explore the concept of 'identity' – the various elements that shape us. There will be ample opportunities to Reflect, Rewind and Replay music and appreciate different types of music that reflect us as people.</p>
PE	RE and PSHE
<p>Our focus for the first term will be on Tri-Golf and cricket and then focussing on striking and fielding and target games. In Summer we will make use of the fantastic grounds at Bardsey to complete orienteering and a unit on athletics to supplement the lead up to Sports day.</p>	<p>In PSHE the children will understand the importance of mental health and emotional wellbeing and factors that can affect it. They will then learn about keeping safe and managing risk when out and about as their independence grows. Finally, the children will learn about the importance for girls to be protected against FGM.</p> <p>RE will focus on Judaism and study how Jews remember Kings and Prophets in worship and in their lives.</p>
French	
<p>In French we will be taking a closer look at France as a nation and its capital Paris. We will look at locality and landmarks - learning some keys conversational phrases along the way .</p>	

Year 6 Information:

PE:



Year 6 are timetabled to do PE on Tuesday and Thursday outdoors. Children can come to school on these days in their Bardsey PE kit. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for their indoor and outdoor lessons.

Planners/Reading Books:



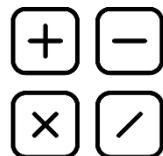
Please ensure that your child's planner and reading book is in school every day. Please encourage your child to read at home every day and comment in the planner when they have read with an adult or independently.

Homework/Spelling:



A weekly maths and English task will be set and twice a half term there will be quiz based on the class topic or science unit. Additional resources have already been sent to support with key areas of the end of KS2 tests at home.

Times Tables:



Times Tables are instrumental for supporting all areas of Maths and these should be embedded securely before the children transition to High School to support their future learning. The children all have access to Times Table Rockstars with their logins in their planners and participation should be encouraged until they have mastered up to 12 x 12 at speed.

Contact:

Please come and see me at the end of the school day if you have any queries or questions about your child's learning and welfare. Should you need to make an appointment for a more in-depth conversation, please contact the school office. Don't forget that you can follow us on Twitter at [@Bardsey_Y6](#) where you will see what we have been doing in Y6 each week.