

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 6! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. We are excited to work with your children and help them have a happy, successful and enjoyable final year at Leominster Primary School.

The Year 6 team consists of Miss Cartwright and Mrs Thomas (6CT), Mrs Cresswell (6C), Miss Pearson (6P) and Mr Francis, who will provide PPA cover in 6C and 6P. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Farmer, Miss Burt, Miss Davies, Miss Matthews and Mrs Seaborne.

We encourage all children to get plenty of rest, as a good night's sleep helps them to learn, concentrate and enjoy school.

If your child has any worries or concerns throughout the year, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the Year 6 team.

What We Are Learning

English: This term, Year 6 will travel back in time to the Second World War through the historical novel, Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll, becoming immersed in the lives of children from the period. Inspired by the book, pupils will develop their reading and writing skills by creating setting and character descriptions, writing gas mask instructions and exploring themes of family, courage and resilience.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. Our main foci for this term will be Place Value, the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and Fractions.



Science: Our science topic for the first half term is **‘Light’**. Within this topic, the children will recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. Pupils will use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye. They will also explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes and finally, they will use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

After October half term, our topic is **‘Electricity’**. Within this topic, the children will associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit. They will also compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches. Finally, they will use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

Topic: Linking with our English work, our topic this term is World War II. We will explore the main events of the war between 1939 and 1945, learn about what life was like for evacuees in Britain and study the experiences of Jewish children during this period.

Art: Year 6 will explore art inspired by the Second World War, studying the work of artists including L.S. Lowry and Sir Henry Moore. Pupils will experiment with a range of artistic techniques and materials, including sketching, charcoal, chalk, oil pastels and sculpture. They will create their own propaganda posters and design and make a World War II-inspired sculpture, developing their creativity and evaluating their finished artwork.

PE: Year 6 will be developing their skills in hockey and tag rugby. Pupils will build their teamwork, communication and tactical awareness while improving key skills such as passing, dribbling, tackling, defending and attacking. They will also apply these skills in competitive games, demonstrating good sportsmanship and resilience.

Music: This term, pupils will develop their singing, instrumental and performance skills through the exploration of a range of contemporary musical styles. They will listen to, appraise and discuss music, while building their understanding of rhythm, pulse, pitch and structure. Pupils will have opportunities to improvise, compose and perform both individually and as part of an ensemble, culminating in a class performance that showcases their developing musical skills and confidence.



French: Year 6 will continue to learn French through the Language Angels programme. They will explore the topics 'At School' and 'Planets', learning new vocabulary while developing their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

RE: Year 6 will be exploring the question "Why do Hindus want to be good?" Pupils will learn about key Hindu beliefs, including dharma, karma, samsara and moksha, and how these beliefs guide the choices Hindus make in everyday life. They will also explore the Hindu value of ahimsa (kindness and non-violence) and reflect on how beliefs and values can influence the way people live.

Computing: This term, pupils will focus on online safety, learning how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. They will explore how to recognise acceptable and unacceptable online behaviour and learn how to report concerns about online content or contact.

PSHE: This term in PSHE, we will be following the Jigsaw unit '**Being Me in My World**'. Children will reflect on their goals for the year ahead, explore what it means to be a responsible global citizen and discuss how their actions can have a positive impact on others. Together, we will create and take ownership of our class Learning Charter, helping to establish a positive, respectful and supportive learning environment where everyone can thrive.

Curriculum Enrichment

This term, we have our exciting residential trip to Adventure Manor to look forward to. For those who are not attending the residential, they will remain in school with Miss Pearson, who has planned some lovely activities for them to enjoy.

We will be holding a residential information meeting on **Monday 19th October at 5.30pm**, where we will go through all the important details about the trip and hand out the relevant paperwork.

Parental Engagement

This term, we will be holding an art-inspired parental engagement session on **Wednesday 14th October at 2:00pm**. We warmly welcome all parents and carers to join us for this creative event. Further details will be shared closer to the date.



Homework:

Please encourage your child to read at home at least three times a week and practise their multiplication tables and spellings regularly. We also encourage all children to complete the termly topic project, which provides a valuable opportunity to extend their learning at home.

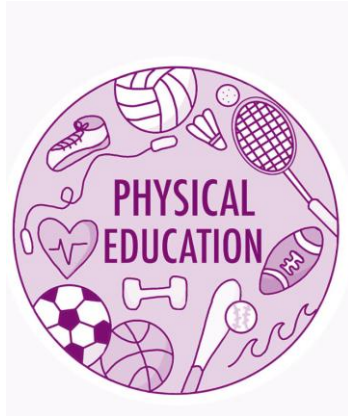
PE

6C - Monday

6CT - Tuesday

6P - Thursday

New PE Procedure:



From now on, children must come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE day(s). This will help maximise learning time and ensure children are ready to take part in their PE lessons.

Healthy Eating:

Just a gentle reminder that we are a healthy eating school. Children should bring a healthy snack for breaktime and only water is permitted in the classroom. Thank you for your support in promoting healthy habit



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14th October – Art Parental Engagement @ 2pm

Monday 19th October – Year 6 residential meeting @ 5.30pm

Friday 23rd October – Non-school uniform day

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November – Wednesday 4th November – Adventure Manor residential trip

Thursday 17th December – Year 4, 5 and 6 Winter Crafts afternoon 2.15pm
(parents/carers invited)