



Spotlight on the Curriculum

This spotlight has been written by the teachers. We hope that it gives you a brief insight into some of the work we will be completing over the next term and also give you some advice as to what you could do to help your child at home.



Year 6 Autumn 6th September 2017 - 15th December 2017

		What are we going to be doing and how could you help at home?
English	What we are doing	We will be reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and using this text to write biographies. We will also be reading 'The Lost World' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and writing newspaper reports based on this story. We will continue with our SPAG work looking at types of punctuation as well as grammatical and language features of sentences. The children will be given weekly spellings to learn related to either the statutory Key Stage words, spelling rules or letter patterns.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your child learns their weekly spellings. • Listen to your child read their book at least five times a week and ask them questions about what is read. • Support your child with their weekly homework tasks and make sure the activities are completed by each Friday.
Maths	What we are doing	We will be extending children's learning about number and place value of numbers up to 10 million. We will concentrating on all four calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to begin with then moving onto fractions.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your child learns their weekly times tables and they are prepared for their weekly assessment tests. Children know their times tables when they can instantly recall the answers. • Support your child with Maths homework, which is usually given every other week.
Science	What we are doing	This term will be studying 'Light ' and 'Electricity' Children will learn key scientific facts as well as participate in investigations.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support your child with any science homework. • Research related materials to enhance understanding.
Foundation	What we are doing	In History this term we will be learning about children throughout the ages. We will be focusing on Tudors, Victorians and World War 2. In R.E. we will be exploring people's different beliefs. In Design and Technology, children will be designing and making boxes with hinged lids. Our French lessons will be centered around the home and family and Art work will be focused on 'Lowry'. We will also be looking at healthy and safer lifestyles and in Music children will have the opportunity to explore singing rounds and developing their singing skills.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support your child with related homework. • Discuss the time periods with your child to develop chronological understanding. • Ask your child to demonstrate their knowledge of French vocabulary by speaking phrases and words learnt in lessons.

As part of your child's learning journey, we plan to include a visit in or out of school. For your information this term we will be planning a visit from the Fire Brigade Service to discuss safety in the home.

