

# Curriculum Overview for Year 6

## English

As readers, the children will read the class text (Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo) focussing on specific comprehension skills each week. As a class, we will develop our speed of reading and intonation when reading aloud to our peers.

As speakers and listeners Year Six will be increasing their confidence of speaking in front of their peers throughout the curriculum, especially in Literacy, when they perform their own creations.

As writers, Year Six will be learning how to effectively write a first person narrative in the style of Geraldine McCaughrean, a second person rainforest guide, an adventure story of the rainforest and a letter.

All children will be increasing their consistency and fluency in handwriting in all lessons. They will draw upon their knowledge of linguistics and sentence structures for effective writing outcomes. Increasing their confidence in clauses, the different types of sentences and how to construct these will be a focus.

As actors the children will enhance their understanding of the characters, plot and awareness of texts through drama and imaginative activities.

## Art & Design

As artists, the children will be completing an artist study of Henri Rousseau and his famous rainforest painting of Surprised (1891). To develop the children's skills of watercolour, we will be sketching and painting rainforest leaves. The children will then use these skills to sketch rainforest animals, following their research of artists and styles to enhance their understanding of their own artistic style.

## Computing

As technologists the class will be increasing their wider understanding of how to use a variety of equipment in their everyday lives and learning atmosphere with ease.

## Design & Technology

Year Six will be creating their very own rainforest biome that will live within our classroom.

## Geography

As geographers, children will be exploring where rainforests are located around the world, their climate and weather patterns, and comparing these to areas within Britain. Alongside this, they will learning about the layers of the rainforest, the animals that live within each layer and the native people who live there.

## Mathematics

As mathematicians the children will be developing their number sense and knowledge of all number through various open ended number investigations and inquiries. Year Six will be developing their fluency and problem solving abilities in all areas of the mathematics curriculum to deepen and embed previous learning alongside increasing their knowledge of time, converting between units of time and understanding the various units.

Year Six will delve further into our algebra knowledge by learning about the nth term, and factorising equations to find x, using division, multiplication, addition and subtraction in order to balance the equation and simplifying to find x. The children will embed their understanding of finding connections between numbers, patterns and creating connections to other areas of mathematics knowledge.

As arithmeticians the children will learn how to divide using the method of long division. Year Six will learn to use these new and distinguished skills in various real-life contexts and problems solving activities. There will be a specific focus on applying this knowledge when working with money.

## Modern

## Languages

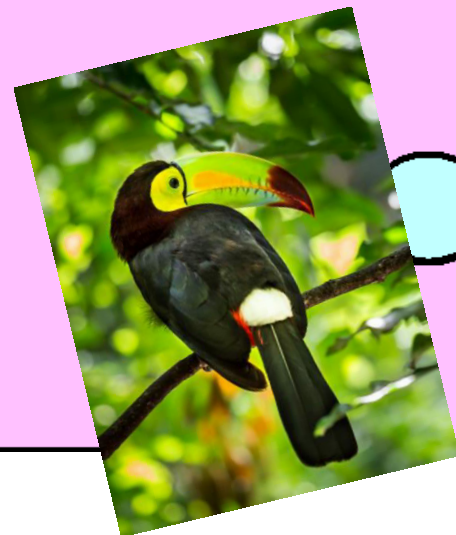
## Music

As linguists the children will continue to develop their understanding of French, how to have a conversation and speak fluently with correct intonation.

As musicians, Year Six will be learning about the Watoto Choir, focussing on the elements of music and how they create their songs within their colourful performances. The children will learn their songs with correct pitch, tone and harmonies.

## Science

As scientists Year Six will be immersing themselves in learning about evolution. Beginning with inheritance and adaptation, we will develop our understanding of where evolution began and the theory of evolution. The children will use this learning to apply this to evolution today and the impact that humans have on evolution.



## Physical

## Education

## PSHE

During this half term, the children will be developing their basketball skills: we will specifically teach and practise the skills of dribbling, passing and shooting. Using these skills within games to develop our team skills and communication will lead towards a basketball tournament at the end of the half term. In gymnastics, we will practise using the apparatus, control within skills and forming routines.

Year Six will be focussing on their Dreams and Goals, identifying their own personal learning goals, the steps that they need to take in order to get there and how they can impact the world with their dreams and ambitions.

### Important Dates

**Monday:** Spellings handed out

Tuesday: Miss Knight is out of the classroom Tuesday PM.

**Thursday:** P.E. (outdoors) with Miss Knight.

**Friday:** Spelling test, PE (indoors) with Miss Knight, Homework handed in, Homework set.

### Homework

Year Six will be given weekly spellings that will be tested that Friday. Although we will focus on these in school, practice at home would be much appreciated.

The children will also be set certain pages of their SATs workbooks to be completed before the following Friday. The Revision Guides are there to help with this knowledge if and when necessary.

Mymaths is still open for Year 6 pupils. Although certain tasks will not be set weekly, this can be used as much as desired.

Reading is essential. Please read with your child for 10 – 20 minutes per day, encouraging them to read with fluency and speed to aid their understanding. You can read anything that interests you, and does not have to be a novel. All reading is GREAT reading!

Whilst your child may already be confident with their times tables, we are aiming for fluency and speed at recall. The more practise the better!

Homework will be given on Fridays for completion by the following Friday where we will mark it as a class.

### Useful Websites:

English activities:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.ereadingworksheets.com/e-reading-worksheets/online-reading-tests/#irony-tests>

Maths activities:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/most-popular>

<https://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Year-6>

If you have any questions or comments, please speak to me in the playground at the end of the day, or you can write a note in their planners. If you wish to discuss an issue in more depth, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

Miss Knight and Mrs Halford

# Rambunctious Rainforests



*Miss Knight  
& Mrs Halford  
Spring 1  
Year Six*

