



Kibworth Primary School
Year 6: Autumn Term 1



Time Travellers



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Six! We hope that everyone has had a relaxing summer holiday in the sun and that the children are looking forward to their last year of primary school. Year 6 will be an exciting, challenging and motivating year throughout which there will be lots of exciting opportunities. Just this term alone, we have our trip to the Warning Zone, our Year 6 assembly and last but not least our residential to Castleton - a definite highlight of the year!

Our topic for this half term is called 'Time Travellers' which will enable the children to find out more about the history of their local area and environment.

Below we have given you an outline of some of the learning that will be taking place during our first term in Year 6.

Literacy

Sentence Structure

Our writing focus for the first term will be on sentence structure. We will be looking at how to add extra detail into our writing by using a range of phrases (noun and adverbial), how to vary our sentence openers as well as how to use relative and embedded clauses to add extra detail. These new skills will be taught through fiction writing of setting and character descriptions.

Towards the end of the term, we will begin to explore non-fiction through non-chronological reports and letters. This will give the children the chance to develop their sentence structure skills in a different context.

Maths

Place Value & Calculation

In our first term, we will focus on securing our understanding of the number system; this will include identifying the value of digits in numbers up to 10,000,000 as well as being able to round, order and compare numbers fluently. Once the children are confident using whole numbers, we will extend their knowledge to decimals.

Following on from this, we will focus on the four areas of calculation which will play a significant part in Year 6 maths. Children will focus on being able to add, subtract, multiply and divide a range of both whole numbers and decimals accurately and efficiently. They will then apply these skills to a range of problems which will test both calculation and reasoning.

ICT	E-Safety	In this first ICT unit, children will investigate the use of social networking websites and their advantages and disadvantages. They will consider the issues that come along with creating online profiles and continue to develop their knowledge of staying safe on the internet.
	Designing an Avatar	The children will have the opportunity to design and create an avatar to represent themselves online. They will discuss how this is a safer option than using real photos of themselves on the internet.
Topic	Time Travellers	<p><u>Geography</u> Using OS maps, children will explore the origins of local settlements and determine during which periods of British history they were first inhabited.</p> <p><u>History</u> Children will recap their chronology of key periods in British history. Having once reacquainted themselves with time periods such as the Vikings and the Stuarts, the children will begin to learn what their local area was like during these periods in history. For example, they will learn about how the battle at Naseby influenced the English Civil War and how the construction of Foxton Locks impacted trade.</p>
RE	Expressing your Religion	Pupils will learn from two religions (Islam and Christianity) about why their holy building and works of art matter to them as expressions of devotion to God and worship and also about how they practise generosity and charity.
Art	Islamic Art	Linked to their topic in R.E, children will explore some of the beautiful artwork found in religious houses and complete their own versions exploring the beliefs behind this.
PSHE	My Emotions	This unit will help develop children's understanding and recognition of their own emotions and those of others, including how we might express and respond to those feelings. The children will identify an increasing range of feelings, including moods and mixed emotions, developing their language to describe them and learning how they might recognise them in themselves and others. They will consider what prompts different feelings in themselves and others and how they might avoid, or deal with, situations which make them upset, angry or become overwhelmed. They will explore ways to deal with different emotions, with a focus on worry, boredom and stress and how those emotions affect how we think, feel and behave.
PE	Outdoor PE	In P.E this term, children will be focusing on Outdoor Adventurous Activities for one of their lessons in order to develop teamwork in preparation for their trip to Castleton. In their other lessons, children will play invasion games with a focus on football, basketball and handball to develop their knowledge and skills.

Key Information:

- P.E in Year 6 will take place on a Wednesday and a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that children have appropriate clothing and footwear for the changing weather.
- Homework is given out on a Friday and will comprise of Maths, Reading and Grammar. It is due back in the following Wednesday. We understand that due to busy schedules, children on occasions find it difficult to find time to complete homework at home. If that is the case, we can find time for them during school time to complete this.
- Reading Diaries will be checked daily in Year 6 to keep track of the reading that is taking place.

Things that you could do at home that could really make a difference to learning:

- Please continue to support your children with their reading at home. With the new curriculum, standards have increased and it is vital that children in Year 6 continue to read regularly to improve their fluency, reading comprehension and understanding of language.
- Rapid recall of times tables is absolutely key to succeeding with maths in Year 6. Key areas of our curriculum such as calculation, fractions and percentages are underpinned by a sound knowledge of these facts. Please continue to encourage your children to practise these at home. We will have times table races every week at school to practise.
- We will be giving children spelling tests each week within school but any work that you could do to help them with the Year 5 and 6 spelling list would be greatly appreciated (copies of these are available at school).

We look forward to working with you and your children this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Year 6 Team

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during his half term.

Maths:

Interactive games to practise times tables

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/mathmagician/mathsmulti.html>

Times Table Rockstars

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>

Maths activities

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>

Literacy:

Grammar

<http://www.ks2phonics.org.uk/Clausesandconnectives.html>