



### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Online Malorie Blackman Workshop  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - International Mother Language Day  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents' Evening (4-7pm)  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Year 6 trip to East Dulwich Picturehouse  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Years 5/6 Urban Synergy Seminar  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March** – The Big Plastic Count  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day (wear red and donate a £1)  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Year 6 Careers Fair at Haseltine  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – World Maths Day / Maths at the Movies  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 TFL Citizenship Workshop  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Forest School (am) / Last day of term

### **SUMMER TERM**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** - Children return to school

Dear Year 6 Families,

We hope you all had a restful half-term break; the year seems to be passing ever so quickly. We looking forward to meeting with all of you for 10 minutes next week – please remember to book a time if you haven't already done so.

This half-term, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Bullard into the Year 6 team.

### ENGLISH

#### READING

This half-term, we will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The book centres on Stanley Yelnats, who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a correctional boot camp in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft. The plot explores thought-provoking themes, including friendship, resilience and illiteracy.

#### WRITING

This week, we will be publishing our narrative retellings from the short film 'Frances' – this piece will form part of the children's end-of-year writing assessment. Our focus will then move onto biographies.

### MATHS

This half term, we will be converting percentages, decimals, and fractions. We will be finding percentages of quantities, and practice adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals by integers.

You can find our calculation policy and a copy of the Year 6 curriculum on the school's website.

Please encourage your child to play TTrockstars regularly.

### SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised across four of our early morning sessions (from 8:45am – 9.00am) across a two-week cycle. The children will be tested on these words on the Friday of the second week.

Our first focus will be on words with the 'f' sound spelt 'ph'.

### SCIENCE

This half-term, we will continue to learn about living things, focusing on how animals, plants and organisms can be classified into different groups, and giving reasons for our choices.

### PE

This half-term, the focus will switch to circuit training in Indoor PE and basketball in Outdoor PE. Please ensure that your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lessons:

6DB - Tuesdays and Thursdays

6A - Wednesdays and Fridays

### GEOGRAPHY

In geography, we will continue to be exploring the concept of fair trade, how it helps communities across the globe, and investigating some of the UK's main imports and exports.

### DT

Digital World: Navigating the world

This half term, we will be using a variety of skills to create a 3D CAD model which meets a given design brief. There will also be opportunities to evaluate product concepts against design criteria.

### HOME LEARNING

Home learning continues to be an important part of Year 6 as we begin to prepare the children for secondary school:

Maths Home Learning – this is taken home on Fridays and returned on Wednesdays.

English Home Learning – this will be alternated between writing, reading and grammar. Each weekly task is set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday. Some tasks will be set on [spag.com](http://spag.com), an online grammar, punctuation and spelling resource.

This term, writing tasks should be written in their 'writing for pleasure' journals!

### Finally. . .

If you need to get in contact with us, please do so during school hours only: 8:00am – 6:00pm (Monday – Friday) and we will respond as soon as we can.

Please note our email addresses:

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