



Dates for your diary:

Monday 9th Sep - Play Day
Tuesday 10th Sep - Year 6 Meet the Teacher (on Teams)
Friday 13th Sep – Trip to Forest Hill Library (am)
Monday 16th Sep - World Afro Day
Monday 23rd Sep - Breck Parent Workshop 6-7pm (online)
Tuesday 24th Sep - Breck workshops for Years 1-6
Thursday 26th Sep - School Journey meeting (5.15pm)
Thursday 10th Oct - World Mental Health Day
Monday 14th Oct - Show Racism the Red Card (wear red)
Monday 21st Oct - Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 23rd Oct - Parents' Evening 4-7pm
Thursday 24th Oct – Year 6 Forest School (Peckham Rye)

HALF TERM - W.B. 28th October

Thursday 31st October - Secondary Schools Application Deadline Close; however, it is recommended that online applications are submitted by Thursday 24th October. Please speak to Michelle (in the school office) if you need any support with this process.

ENGLISH

READING

This term, during our focused story time, we will be reading Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. The story centres on a boy who desperately needs a new heart. He is offered an opportunity to take part in a radical and controversial experiment involving the transplant of a pig's heart. The book explores a range of powerful themes, including friendship, trust and resilience. We will study some shorter texts during our reading sessions.

WRITING

Over the next few weeks, we will be revisiting Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo, a popular story that the children first read in Year 4. This time, the focus will be on Michael's journey across the ocean, looking closely at the incredible language that is used to describe his experience.

MATHS

Our main areas of focus this half term are:

- Place value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

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 TTrackstars regularly.

SPELLING

Spelling patterns and common exception words will be practised during two early morning sessions (from 8:45am - 9:00am) each week 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 words with short or long vowel sounds with 'y' replacing 'i'.

SCIENCE

We will begin the school year with our topic Changing Circuits. The children will get the opportunity to further their understanding of electricity through practical experiments involving circuits.

PE

This half-term, the focus will be on gymnastics in Indoor PE and handball in Outdoor PE. Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed for PE on the day of their lessons (white shirt / black or navy-blue shorts):

6T - Wednesdays and Thursdays

6A - Tuesdays and Thursdays

ART

This half term, in our craft and design unit, children will explore creative photographic techniques, create new images through photomontage, understand photorealistic self-portraits, and apply digital photography to art design, enhancing their skills in composition and editing.

COMPUTING

In computing, the children will develop their understanding of how to be safe on line. This will include exploring a range of online scenarios and discussing how these should be dealt with.

GEOGRAPHY

In geography, we will be exploring why global population is changing and will be looking in detail at some of these possible causes: birth and death rates, migration and the impact of climate change.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning is an important part of Year 6 as we begin to get the children ready for secondary school:

Maths Home Learning - taken home on Fridays and returned on the following Friday.

English Home Learning (writing) - set on Google classroom on Fridays and due in by the following Friday.

Spellings – these are taken home on the 1st Friday of the two-week cycle. See spelling blurb on the left of the page for more information.

Finally. . .

We look forward to seeing you all on **Teams** for our Meet the Teacher session **at 4pm on Tuesday 10th September**.

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

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