



the holy spirit school

# Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 6 - Autumn 1 - 2017

## Homework

### Homework

- Homework will be given out on **Friday** and is to be returned by **Thursday** at the latest.

### Reading Books

- Reading books can be changed as soon as your child finishes the previous book.
- Please comment in your child's reading book and encourage your child to read **EVERY DAY**.

### Spellings

- Spellings will be sent home once the children have settled into their new *Read Write Inc* spelling curriculum.

### PE

- PE will take place on **Monday and Friday**.
- Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school on these days.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Individual, sibling and family photographs

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - 9am Key Stage 2 'Read, Write, Inc.' meeting

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Science Trip to Ness Gardens

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - 9am 'Worship With Us' - parents invited to stay for class collective worship

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** - 9am Year 6 class assembly

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Experience Harvest

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - 2.30pm Homework Workshop

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - School closes for half term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** - School reopens

## Ways to help your child

- Allow enough time for your child to complete their homework
- Provide a calm and quiet area for your child to complete homework.
- Encourage your child to visit the library or read a book of their choice at home.

## Useful Websites

### Maths

It is essential that all children know their times tables. Children are expected to know their tables up to 12 times tables.

Please also test your child on the inverse procedure by asking them to divide numbers.

[www.timestables.me.uk](http://www.timestables.me.uk)

This site will generate new quizzes every time.

### English

Y6 children need to increase the number of words that they know and use. Reading is the best way to do this

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) - bitesize - reading

### Science

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science>

[www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

[www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/search/index.htm](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/search/index.htm)

### Geography

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>

[www.geographyhubs.com/map-skills.html](http://www.geographyhubs.com/map-skills.html)

[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) > Bitesize > KS2 > Geography > Geography skills

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=98>

### Rights/ Values

[www.unicef.org/crc](http://www.unicef.org/crc)



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## English

### Overview

The children will continue to write a variety of genres - this will go towards their final writing levels.

### Skills

- Check that the book they read makes sense to them.
- Draw inferences about a character's feelings and thoughts.
- Consider how authors have developed characters and settings.
- Learn technical terms metaphor and simile.
- Use commas and modal verbs.
- Write in a diary, journal and recount format.
- Develop comprehension skills.
- Develop a secure understanding of graphemes and spelling rules using our new spelling scheme.

## Science

### Overview

The children will be investigating Living Things and Habitats.

### Skills

- Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences.
- Give reasons for classifying plants and animals
- Classify animals into invertebrates and vertebrates.

## History and Geography

### Geography

#### **I'm a Y6 Pupil Can You Get Me Out of Here?**

### Overview

Use the eight points of a compass, four and six figure grid references, symbols and key to build their knowledge of the UK and wider world.

### Key Questions

The children will be learning through an enquiry based approach answering the following questions:

- What would a bird's eye view of your school look like?
- Can you put together a map of the immediate area around school?
- What brought people to Leasowe and why do they live here now?
- Can you use an OS map including compass point to plan a route?
- How do we know if Leasowe is urban or rural?

## Parents & Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Y6 and I hope that you all had a lovely summer! Y6 passes so quickly and every day of learning is important to your child. This is a year to develop independence skills ready for the move to secondary school. **This begins with remembering a PE KIT on a Friday!**

## Mathematics

### Overview

The children will investigate number linked to place value and through all four operations.

### Skills

- Read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10,000,000 and determine the value of each digit.
- Round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy.
- Use negative numbers in context.
- Solve number and practical problems for all of the above.
- Solve addition and subtraction multi step problems in context.
- Multiply multi digit number up to 4 digits by a 2 digit number
- Identify common factors and prime numbers.

## Computing

- Develop their decoding skills through the Hour of Code.
- Use technology safely, responsibly and respectfully.
- Use search technologies effectively.