

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring 1 of Year 6!

We hope you had a lovely break. We have a busy and exciting term ahead in Year 6, with lots of engaging learning across the curriculum. Below is an overview of what your child will be learning this term and some key expectations. We will also be focusing on SATs prep ahead of May this term, with lots of support available for children.

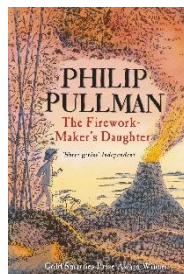
Our topics for this half term are:

Maths – In Maths, we will be focusing on

- Decimals – place value, ordering and calculations
- Percentages – linking fractions, decimals and percentages
- Measures – converting units and solving real-life problems
- Statistics – interpreting and presenting data.

Fluency, reasoning and problem-solving will be embedded throughout lessons to support SATs preparation.

Literacy – This term, our writing focus will be on the adventure narrative *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. Children will explore character, setting and atmosphere, develop suspense and tension and use ambitious vocabulary and figurative language.



Science – Our topic in science this term is electricity. We will be learning about simple series circuits, voltage, switches and designing and building a circuit. There will be lots of hands-on investigations and opportunities to work scientifically.

History – In History we will be exploring the women's suffrage movement, focusing on why women fought for the right to vote, key figures such as Emmeline Pankhurst and the impact of the movement on society today. This topic links strongly to our values of equality, justice and democracy.

Art – In art, children will study the work of William Morris. We will be exploring block printing, pattern, colour and composition as they produce a print design inspired by Morris' style.

Computing – Our focus in computing this term is coding. Children will develop their coding skills by designing and making more complex programs, using functions, flowcharts and user input.

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PE – The PE day for Magpies is now Fridays in the afternoon, where children will be coached through a sequence of cricket lessons. Please ensure children come in the correct outdoor PE kit.

Homework – Children are expected to practice their spellings each week for a spelling test every Tuesday. Spellings will be given on Tuesdays for a test that following week. Please encourage children to read frequently at home. Reading with your children and hearing them read is important for their development. We are going to be continuing with CGP books this term for homework where children have a book for maths, reading and SpaG with one set of questions for each book to be completed each week (due on Mondays). Children should also practice their times tables at home; this can be done through Tackling Tables.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We're really looking forward to a positive and productive Spring Term!

Best wishes,

Miss Roche, Miss Garrod and Mrs Satkauskiene.

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