Meet the Team Year 6







Year 6 Team

Teachers

Mrs. Forbes (60, Year Group Leader)

Miss Anderson-Ikpa (6B, RE, PSHE and P4C Lead)

Mr. Griffiths (6E, Computing & Geography Lead)

Mr. Roberts (6M, English Lead)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs. Banjaw

Mr. Hartnell



Reading

- Expectation of 40 minutes home reading being completed every day.
- Filling in reading record using the suggested comments to support.
- Please support by reading with your children and questioning their understanding.

• Aim: Foster a love of reading.





Writing

- Poetry
- Narrative writing
- Non-fiction pieces

- Daily lessons with a focus on GPS, composition and editing.
- Spelling and handwriting lessons



Maths

• A big focus on basic arithmetic skills and ensuring the foundations of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are in place and built upon throughout the year.

Problem solving and reasoning skills.

 Home learning should involve revision around these subjects, including an emphasis on mental arithmetic (i.e. times tables and related division facts).

Learning Journey



Woodpecker Hall Academy Learning Web: Year 6 Autumn 1

Force for positive change:



This term the children will be learning how to develop a positive mindset and being a role model for the other students through year 6 responsibilities.

Key Dates:



Meet the teacher - Thursday 12th September 2024 - (9am in the Upper School Hall) Classes 6O & 6B Natural History Museum visit - Tuesday 1st October 2024 (Monday) Classes 6E & 6M Natural History Museum visit - Wednesday 2nd October 2024 (Tuesday)

Maths



The children will explore a range of topics including place value, rounding, and decimals. They will develop skills in multiplication and division, including different methods to use and interpreting remainders. Pupils will also work on addition and subtraction, focusing on mental calculations

reasoning and problem-solving. Additionally, they will learn to convert between units of measurement and solve practical problems involving these concepts.

English



In whole class reading, children, exploring a variety of text types designed to capture their interest and develop their comprehension ability. In writing, they will craft a suspense narrative inspired by a video stimulus and create a persuasive speech using BBC's Room 101 as a model. Pupils will also focus

on generating vocabulary around specific themes, experimenting with poetic language and understanding how to apply new words effectively. In grammar, they will refine their use of previously taught grammatic devices including expanded noun phrases, relative clauses, cohesive devices and tense.

Music



This term, the

opportunity to play an ostinato on untuned percussion instruments, building their confidence in performing rhythmic patterns.

PHSE: Changing Me



Children will be learning about goal setting and how their personal goals can be achieved through setting their own specific targets. They will also be looking at ways in which their behaviour can affect

Spanish



identifying and describing hobbies/leisure activities. sports, school subjects and jobs of family members

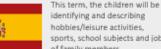
Physical Education



Dance

Children will develop their forehand and backhand with consistency and control. They will practice strategic play when returning the ball and evaluate their work and the work of their peers.

Netball



Children will focus on improving their netball skills, including ball handling, landing and shooting. They will also learn effective tactics for attack and defense, applying these in core task games where they will play to the best

Art: Sketching



Using inspiration from British artist and illustrator Claire Murthy, the children will develop ways in which they show appreciation for art, discussing how colour and shade can evoke thoughts and emotions. Additionally, they will develop their sketching ability focusing on tone and shade, with the outcome being using

techniques learnt to sketch animals and nature.

Computing



Children will explore computing systems and networks, focusing on communication and collaboration. They will learn about internet addresses and how data is transmitted in packets across networks. Pupils will also engage in activities that

emphasize working together and shared online tasks, gaining a deeper understanding of how we communicate digitally.

Geography: Galapagos Islands



This half term, the children will deepen their understanding of key geographical terms, including hemispheres, equator, longitude and latitude. They will locate the Galapagos Islands on a map and investigate both the physical and human features of the islands, with

particular attention to wildlife. They will also complete a comparative study, examining the similarities and differences between the Galapagos Islands and the UK.

Science: Evolution and Inheritance



The children will kick off their learning with a fossil excavation activity, setting up a site and discovering fossils. They will explore concepts of inheritance, examining time. They will investigate animal adaptations, comparing skeletons of the genus

Homo with various ages, and develop skills in observing, classifying, researching and presenting

Half termly projects sent out every half term.

Autumn 1: Evolution and Inheritance

- Science
- Geography
- Art





A voluntary contribution may be requested for some trips.

Parent helpers required to support with trips.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Evolution & Inheritance	CSI Investigates	WW2	WW2	Empire & Enfield	Fit & Fabolous
Natural History Museum	Saatchi Gallery	HMS Belfast	Museum of London Docklands	Redstart financial education visit	Year 6 <mark>trip</mark> week*

^{*}Trip week will take place week beginning 30th June 2025 – 4th July 2025 and includes a range of activities. Further details to follow

Home Learning





- Reading Records: Reading records (40 minutes daily)
- **Spellings:** Statutory spelling list for Year 5 & 6 words practised daily
- Maths: Basic math skills to be practised daily and times tables up to 12 to be practised daily
- Weekly Maths and English home learning will be set on Google classroom
- Half-termly project work will be sent home at the beginning of each half-term
- Additional handwriting practice

Chrome books, headphones and internet dongles are available from the school office.

Additional Support



 We will be offering further clubs to support various children across the year group in the form of morning breakfast clubs, after school interventions and Saturday school. These will be based around reading, writing and mathematics.

- We kindly request your support with ensuring your child attends <u>every</u> session, should they be selected for these.
- These clubs will provide light refreshments for the children. With the morning clubs offering breakfast; the after school sessions and Saturday school will be offering a light snack.

Uniform



Other than PE days and planned events, children should be in full school uniform.



PE Days

Class	INDOOR PE	OUTDOOR PE
60	Friday	Thursday
6B	Friday	Thursday
6E	Wednesday	Thursday
6M	Wednesday	Thursday













Communication





Download the Arbor App!

Check your emails for your username, this will have a link to click on.

Best way to receive communication from the school.

Trips, Clubs, Closures etc.