



## English:

This term we will read the following texts for pleasure:

- Holes by Louis Sachar
- The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Vampiric Vacation by Kiersten White.

We will explore the features of a variety of genres this term before producing our own. These text types will include a non-chronological report, a narrative, a biography and a poem.

In reading, we will continue to develop skills by learning how to skim and scan to find information, summarise key events, make inferences using evidence from the text, identify themes and make predictions. English lessons will also cover grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will revisit and consolidate all previously taught KS2 grammar elements to develop confidence and focus on year 6 objectives including subject and object, passive sentences, synonyms and antonyms.

**History:** Our autumn term topic will be 'How Did the Maya Civilisation Compare to the Anglo-Saxons?'. Children will learn when and where the Ancient Maya lived, compare and contrast Anglo-Saxon and Maya houses and the importance of the Maya Gods. We will also design a map of a Maya city and evaluate the reasons for the decline of the Maya civilisation.



**Geography:** In Geography, we will be exploring why population changes. This will involve understanding the change and distribution of the global population, defining birth and death rates and describing why they change, recognising the push and pull factors influencing migration and beginning to understand the impact climate change can have on the global population. Children will have the opportunity to collect data showing how population impacts the amount of traffic and litter in an area and will then write a report on their findings.

## Maths:

This term, we will focus on the following areas of maths:



- ✓ Understanding and using place value.
- ✓ Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers including decimal numbers.
- ✓ Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions.
- ✓ Converting units of measure.

Children will learn to apply taught skills and strategies to a range of mastery-level problem-solving and reasoning-style questions. We will continue to practice times tables skills and focus on speed and accuracy in answering arithmetic-style questions on a daily basis to develop confidence and support in preparation for the Year 6 SATS in May 2025.

## Science:

This term, the children will learn about **Living Things and their Habitats**. They will learn to classify living things into broad groups according to observable characteristics, based on similarities and differences. They will also study famous scientists such as Aristotle and his theory of the 'Five Kingdoms'.



In the second half-term, our topic will be 'Electricity'. We will begin with revision of simple circuits followed by an opportunity for hands-on experience with symbols, diagrams and incomplete circuits. We will also focus on materials that conduct or insulate electricity and key scientists in relation to discoveries related to electricity.



## Computing:

In computing, our first topic will be **Computing Systems and Networks-particularly Communications**. We will explore how data is transferred over the internet and how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration.



## RE:

Children will be looking at what makes Wolverhampton a multicultural society and how we can live within a respectful community.

In **PSHE**, children will focus on 'Citizenship' and 'Family and Relationships'. We will also focus on our rights as citizens and respecting each other's rights.

## PE:

**Outdoors** - Children will be working on the skills needed to play netball and football.

**Indoors** - Children will also be developing their gymnastics and dance skills.

Our PE days will be **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoons.

Please ensure that children have and wear the correct PE kit on the days above.

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: INSET Day (School closed)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Children return to school

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Y5/6 Online Safety Parent Meeting

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October: Y5/6 Maths Café

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Photograph Day

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Parents Evening 2.00 – 7.00pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Disco 4.30 – 5.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Y6 Come Dine with Me

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Y6 Family Morning