



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence

# Autumn Term Year Six Newsletter



Welcome back to a great new year ahead in Year 6; the final year in Primary school for your children. It will be their busiest year yet, but we aim to give them lots of fun along the way! As you know, we encourage the children to become increasingly independent by bringing themselves to school and organising their own belongings and equipment. Please remember that our door is always open to discuss any concerns you may

## Year 6 Team

Mr Fulford Year Leader & Teacher  
Mrs Gilchrist Teacher  
Mr Driver Teacher  
Mrs Moore Higher Level  
Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Gilbert Teaching Assistant

The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss Quality Standard

## Homework

Friday - Spellings

Weekly - Guided Reading

Sunday 7pm—Mathletics  
deadline - 500 points

## Subject Overviews

### English

Our theme for the first half term is Journeys. We will be reading and exploring the books 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' by Jules Verne and 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will be developing the children's comprehension skills, interpreting characters and drawing inferences, using the text as evidence. Alongside this, we will be writing different types of letters and diary extracts ending with planning our own journey stories. After half term our English work will link with our History topic about World War II and our planned trip to Bletchley Park. The children will continue to have weekly lessons in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation with a specific focus and skill development each week.

### Maths

The main focus of our early work this term will be around revising and consolidating place value knowledge. We will be moving on to mental and written addition developing calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We encourage the children to be resilient and persevere in their attitude towards Maths work, being able to use and apply the skills they have. **It is essential now that all children have mastered times tables to x12 with rapid recall**, as knowledge of these greatly increases overall confidence in lessons and increases their work rate.

Quality, Enthusiasm and Partnership

## Events

**20th/21st  
September**  
Stratford Trips

**3rd/4th October**  
Parents' Meetings

**21st October**  
Harvest Festival at St  
Lawrence Church

**16th October**  
Cornwall Parent  
Information Evening  
6.00pm - 7.00pm

**18th/19th October**  
Individual School  
photographs

**19th October**  
Spooky Disco

**20th October**  
Harvest Festival

**3rd November**  
FONHS Bonfire  
Night

**6th November**  
Bletchley Park  
History Trip

**Week Commencing  
6th November**  
Life Education  
Centre Visiting  
School

**12th December**  
Y5/6 Christmas  
Performance

**13th December**  
Whole school  
Christmas lunch

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**Science** We are beginning the term studying 'Living things' moving onto 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will be classifying living things into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and recognising that animals and plants have changed and adapted over time. For the second half of the term, we will move on to learning more about the human body and the circulatory system.

**Computing** The children will be introduced to some of the features of Microsoft Office 365, including Sway. They will also be developing their writing skills using software to create travel guides and journals that link closely with our English topic. E-Safety will continue to play a pivotal role our curriculum, particularly as we introduce email addresses to all the children—more about this will be featured in the specific letter home.

**Humanities** This half term we are learning about 'Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes'. After half-term we will be studying World War II starting with a visit to Bletchley Park. During the second half term the RE focus will be Sikhism in Britain. All of these topics will heavily influence our work in English lessons.

**PSHE** Where possible, we try to embed our PSHE work into the wider curriculum, therefore we will be covering E-Safety along with work on the environment and understanding rules, rights and responsibilities and the history of these.

**PE** Our PE sessions are on Thursdays. We will be following the Real PE scheme, developing social and cognitive skills, playing dodgeball, benchball and multi-skills. The children will be swimming for this term only on Tuesdays. **6JF swim 1:30—2:15** and **6HG 2:15—3:00**.

**The Arts** In Art sessions, the children will be focusing on work from different cultures and looking at the processes and visual elements that have been used. Inspired by the work, they will then create their own individual and collaborative pieces. In Performing Arts' sessions, we will be looking at developing the children's skills of movement to create atmosphere using Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest' as a focus. Later in the term we will also be working on the musical themes of Harvest and latterly, Christmas.

**French** This term we will continue with our café topic with a song, culminating in some class role-plays. Our second topic will be 'A l'hôtel'. All lessons will adopt a visual, auditory and kinaesthetic approach to ensure all pupils are fully engaged in their learning.

