



# Stanburn Primary School

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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 1 2024



HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Key Events

Back to school: Monday 8th January 2024

Bikeability/Cycling Confident: WB 15th January

Choices PSHE/Science workshop: Tuesday 30th Jan

NSPCC National Number Day - Friday 2nd

February

Children's Mental Health Week: WB 5th February

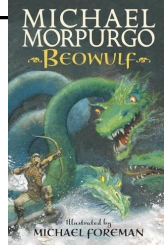
Last day of this half term: Friday 9th February

Half Term: 12th - 16th February 2024

School Reopens: Monday 19th February 2024

## English

To link with our History learning, we are excited to be basing our work this half term on the oldest British text 'Beowulf'. Throughout this unit of work, children will use Michael Morpurgo's version as well as other adapted versions as a stimulus for a range of different writing.



We will also be unpicking vocabulary and grammar within the text so children gain a greater depth to their reading. We will be exploring the author's choice of language, structure and in particular the effect it has on the reader. Children will explore test style questions linked to this and will be guided in how to answer them. Pupils will also be taking part in grammar, punctuation and spelling lessons to improve their writing.

## A Good Start to Year 6

We hope you all had a restful and Merry Christmas break and are now feeling refreshed and ready for another busy term. We are all excited to start a new year and get straight back into the swing of our learning. This curriculum newsletter outlines the topics which will be covered this term.

### Attendance

As you all know, attendance and punctuality are key priorities for us as a school - the school target for attendance is 97%. Last term, our year groups overall attendance was 95% so please continue to ensure your children are in school every day. The children love winning the weekly attendance and punctuality bears!

# YEAR 6

## Mathematics

This half term children will be building on and learning new mathematical skills. They will draw and interpret discrete and continuous data in variety of different forms; solve simple equations using algebra; and learn to tackle SATs style word problems in a variety of different contexts. Through 'Fun Friday' investigations, the children will investigate patterns in numbers and explain their thinking using algebra.

Science - In science, pupils will be learning about evolution and inheritance. They will investigate how different fossils can inform us about the past and why some species of animals and plants are now extinct. Through scientific observation pupils will examine how animals and plants have evolved and adapted over time, taking into consideration changes in habitat and climate. Finally, pupils will look at their own family and consider how humans and other animals inherit features from their family/ species through genetics.



## Weekly schedules:

Home learning set: Friday

Home learning due: Wednesday

Spellings: Friday

P.E Kit should be worn on PE days.

Please check Class Dojo for updates.

## PE

Indoor: This half term, half of the year group will be taking part in Dance where they will learn the importance of balance, agility and collaboration. The other half will be having Yoga sessions where pupils will learn a range of postures as well as mindfulness techniques.

Outdoor: Tactics and teamwork will be our focus.



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**History** During this term, Year 6 pupils will be continuing their learning about The Vikings, discussing questions such as: What image do we have of the Vikings? Why have the Vikings gained such a bad reputation? and How did the Vikings try and take over the country? More information on this can be found [here](#).

**Art** - Linking in with our History and English for this term, pupils will be learning about the Bayeux tapestry. Through this module they will further develop their sewing and textile skills to depict a battle scene from the epic poem 'Beowulf'.



**Computing**  
This half term, Year 6 will be looking at 'Blogging'. The children will identify the purpose of writing a blog and its key features; plan the theme and content for a blog and write the content; and consider the effect upon the audience of changing the visual properties of the blog.

**French** - The children will be consolidating the language covered in previous years and learning new vocabulary for different rooms in the house. They will also be learning how to describe rooms and discuss what people do in them.



**RE** - This term, our RE unit is called, 'Who are the Zoroastrians?'. During this topic we will be learning all about the Zoroastrian faith; we will be discussing the story of Ahura Mazda and creation and discussing the similarities between this faith and other faiths we have studied. See [BBC teach](#) for more information



### **PSHE (including RHE)**

The children will be continuing with their Jigsaw PSHE Scheme and will be looking at their Goals and Dreams and how having a positive attitude can help us achieve our goals.



### **Final word**

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us through class dojo or via the school office.

### **How you can support your child at home:**

To further enhance your child's learning during our topic you may wish to visit places such as: The British Museum or The Museum of London. Also, to help your children prepare for SATs please encourage them to use their CGP study guides, complete home learning each week, ensuring it is brought in on time and listen to them read regularly.

Visiting the local Library is also a fantastic free activity for you to do with your child - a list of recommended books can be found online [here](#).

### **Music**

The music topic for this half term is Growth. The children will be feeling and moving to a three pulse beat and revising rhythmic ostinato as well as singing in harmony.

**Home Learning** - Children will receive weekly home learning in core subjects, as well as 20 minutes of reading to be done at least 5 times a week. Tasks will be uploaded online via our Year 6 dB Primary page. Children may also be given topic projects to do over the course of a few weeks. Your child will record the home learning that has been set in their Home Learning books so please check these regularly. Home Learning is set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. Spellings are also given out on Fridays and tested weekly.