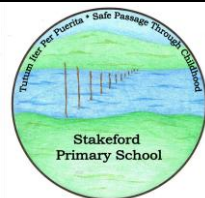


Stakeford Primary School

Information for Parents

Autumn Term Year 6



ENGLISH

Children in Year 6 will focus on the following units this term:

- Instructions and Explanations
- Performance Poetry
- Malamander
- The Lost Words
- Beetle Boy

SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR

Children in Year 6 will have daily sessions focussing on key aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar. Common exception words from Year 3 / 4 will be revisited, with a greater focus on common exception words for year 5 / 6.

Children will focus on the following new learning this term:

- Noun Phrases
- Modal Verbs and Subjunctive Mood
- Suffixes – Nouns and Adjectives to Verbs.
- Relative clauses
- Commas
- Pronouns and Possessive Pronouns
- Adverbs to show frequency
- Prefixes
- Colons in lists
- Subordinating conjunctions and clauses.

Spelling Patterns:

- Adjectives
- Adjective into nouns
- Hyphens in prefix words and compound words
- Words ending –able
- Word families
- Prefixes micro- or mini-

In **GEOGRAPHY** children will be looking at 'Rivers and Coasts. In this unit, children will explore how rivers are formed and how they change over time, as well as investigating how humans use rivers.

In **HISTORY** children will look at 'What the Census tells us about local areas.' Children will discover what a census is and what it tells us about the past. We will look at why they were important and compare life in the past to modern life now.

In **RE** children will be looking at the religion of Islam. They will develop an understanding of life in Britain for Muslims today. In Autumn 2 they will look closely at the Christmas story.

In **PSHE/RSE** children will further develop their understanding about thoughts and emotions, both positive and negative. They will look at the positive qualities of a team and learn how to respectfully disagree. We will look at what makes a good team and how to be positive.

READING

Children will have opportunities to read, or be read to, daily during their time in Year 6. They will take part in group reading, guided reading (when appropriate) and individual reading as well as listening to stories being read by adults.

Children should read **daily** at home for around 10 – 15 minutes each time. We encourage parents to write comments in the yellow reading records so we know how your child gets on at home. Please make sure your child has both their book and record in school every day.

MATHS

This term, children in Year 6 will focus on the following topics in Maths:

- Place Value
- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Converting Units

Children will also have daily opportunities to practise and build on fluency skills and problem solving. This will support children to develop in confidence, as well as ability.

In **SCIENCE** children will focus on the unit Living Things and Their Habitats in Autumn 1. Children will discover how living things are classified and they will look at the work of Carl Linnaeus.

In Autumn 2 children will focus on the unit 'Animals including Humans'. Children will learn how the circulatory system, focusing on how the heart transports blood around the body. We will also conduct an investigation on how to keep the heart healthy.

In **ART** children will focus on the unit 'North American Art'. Children will learn how to draw the other half of an image, make collaged landscapes and explore the work of John Singer Sargent and Jean-Michel Basquiat.

In **DT** children will focus on the unit 'Automata Animals'. In this unit children will develop their understanding of mechanical systems. They will design and make their own moving animal using a range of creative techniques such as cutting, shaping and joining components.

In **Spanish**, children will be taught a range of Spanish phrases so that they can communicate effectively. We will also look at the Spanish culture.

In **COMPUTING** children will develop their understanding of the dangers of being online. We will look at the positives and negatives of this modern-day tool and how to keep themselves safe.

In Autumn 2 we will look at the work of Bletchly Park to develop understanding of networks and systems.

PE in **AUTUMN 1** will be every **THURSDAY** and children will be taught cricket skills by a local coach. In **AUTUMN 2** PE will change to a **WEDNESDAY** and children will be taught by a NUFC coach. Children must wear a **SCHOOL PE KIT**. PE will be outdoors, please ensure that children have an adequate PE kit that will keep them warm.

Earrings **MUST** be removed, as tape over the ear does not guarantee safety. Please remove earrings and any jewellery before coming to school.

