

Sheen Mount Primary School



Autumn Term Update for Year 6 – Autumn Term 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 6! We are very pleased with how well the children have settled into their new year group and they are already setting a good example for the rest of the school. Below is an overview of the children's learning in the autumn term.

English

Our two core texts are "Letters from the Lighthouse" by Emma Carroll and "Holes" by Louis Sachar.

Reading – we are very keen to encourage the children to read as regularly and as broadly as possible. They will be given an allocated date to share their book recommendations with the rest of their class. They should continue to read at home and can select books to borrow from school to do so.

Writing – the children will develop their skills at word, sentence and text level. They will be taught to write for different purposes including letter writing, a setting description and a diary entry. The children will also be working to improve their grammar and spelling on a weekly basis.

Maths

The children will consolidate and develop their mathematical skills with an emphasis on calculation (both written and mental), place value, the four operations, fractions and measurement.

Science

The science topics we will be studying this term are 'Living things and their Habitats' and 'Evolution and Inheritance'. As part of our studies, we will visit Kew Gardens to enhance the children's understanding of plant evolution.

Humanities

We will be studying World War II, its impact on children and the contribution of women and members of the Commonwealth. To support this learning we will visit St Leonard's Court air raid shelter. Our geography topic will focus on where our energy comes from.

Art, DT and Music

Art – drawing skills using different media on the theme of street art.

DT – we will use our knowledge of electrical circuits to plan and construct a fairground ride with moving parts.

Music – we will work on singing a range of songs in unison and harmony, including those with syncopated rhythms, in preparation for our performances at the Harvest Assembly and Christmas Carol Concert.

Computing

We will be improving our programming skills using 'Scratch' and micro:bits.

French

The children will be broadening their vocabulary and developing their confidence in speaking French through learning about a range of everyday situations. They will be focusing on accurate and authentic pronunciation and will be learning to talk and write about their pets.

RE

We will learn about why religion looks different around the world by comparing the similarities and differences between the Abrahamic religions and identifying reasons why beliefs vary across a country such as India. We will also consider what the influences of culture, history, geography and tradition have on how religion looks in different places and challenge their perceptions.

PSHE

The children will develop their understanding of the core themes of health and well-being, relationships and living in the wider world. Our Living Values for the first two half-terms will be unity and peace.

PE

Outdoor PE will take place on Wednesday with Mr Brown and the children will also have indoor PE on Thursdays. The children will also receive an additional PE lesson on occasional Mondays as they did in Year 5. You have been sent an email with dates. **Children should come to school on Wednesdays and Thursdays (and on occasional Mondays) in their PE kit. The children will stay in their PE kits for the whole of the day.** A quick reminder of our PE Kit:

- black PE shorts/skort
- house colour t-shirt
- suitable trainers for outside PE
- children can also wear a Sheen Mount hoodie and dark, plain tracksuit bottoms (no patterns or stripes please) for outdoor PE in the winter.

Oracy

The children will be given a date during the course of the year to make each of the following presentations to the class:

- public speaking about a topic of their choice (without the use of a PowerPoint presentation)
- poetry recital from memory
- book recommendations

Routines

Children can come into their classroom at 8.45am. Registration is taken at 8.55am. At 3:30pm, the children will be ready to be collected from the Orchard. **If you are happy for your child to return home unaccompanied, you must give permission on Arbor if you have not already done so.**

Please label all items of uniform. We also recommend that your child labels all of their personal stationery. We encourage each child to have a basic stationery kit of their own, to include the following: a black pen and a blue pen, a pencil, a ruler, a rubber, a glue stick and a whiteboard pen.

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

Children in Year 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school, so that they can contact their parents if they are travelling to or from school alone. **We recommend that they do not bring them to school unless absolutely necessary.** Phones must be handed in to the class teacher at the start of each day.

Homework

Homework in Year 6 is set via Google Classroom. There will be four parts to each week's homework:

- maths, set on Thursday to be completed by the following Monday
- English or topic work, set on Thursday to be completed by the following Monday
- spelling, set on Tuesday to be completed by the following Monday
- daily independent reading

Secondary Transfer

At this time of year, many families are considering secondary transfer. If your child is taking entrance exams for private secondary schools, we will probably need to write a special secondary transfer report. If this is the case, you will need to request one via the school office. The deadline for receiving these requests is Friday 10th October. Please provide some brief information to the school of any school clubs your child currently attends and their hobbies and interests outside school. There is a one-off charge of £35 for this, irrespective of the number of copies you require.

How to help at home

- Develop your child's independence: allow them to pack their own bags for school; take responsibility for delivering and returning messages to and from school etc.
- Expose them to a range of challenging real life texts to continue to develop their awareness of different genres and to improve their comprehension skills.
- Encourage them to use and apply their maths skills in real life situations, for example when shopping and when using weights and measures to prepare and cook food.

Key dates for this term

Wednesday 17th September - Meet the teacher 8.30-9.00am

Monday 22nd September - St Leonard's Court air raid shelter (6AD and 6B)

Tuesday 23rd September - St Leonard's Court air raid shelter (6S)

Wednesday 24th September – Online secondary transfer presentation for parents with Mr Holmes 8.00pm

Wednesday 15th October - Kew Gardens

Thursday 23rd October - UKS2 Harvest Assembly (for surnames (A-K) 9.10am

Friday 24th October - UKS2 Harvest Assembly (for surnames (L-Z) 9.10am

Week beginning 27th October - HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November - INSET

Friday 7th November - Sharing our learning 2.30pm

Week beginning 10th November - Parent consultations

Wednesday 17th December - UKS2 Carol Concert 7.15pm

Friday 19th December - end of term 2.10pm

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team

Teachers: Mrs Adams and Mrs D'Urso (6AD), Miss Breckon (6B), Mrs Sroka (6S)

Support Staff: Mrs Hay, Miss Stannell, Mrs Hopwood, Mrs Jonas, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Brenna, Mrs Barry, Mr Wiseman