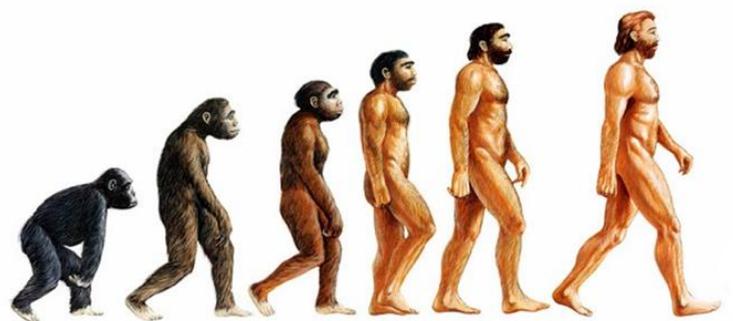




Welwyn St. Mary's Primary School Year 6



Spring Term 2022

P6	HT6
<p>Mrs Phillips, Mrs Branch and Mrs Mather <i>Class Teachers</i></p> <p>Ms Mills <i>Teaching Assistant every morning Madame Farrington - French</i></p>	<p>Mrs Harrison and Mrs Thompson <i>Class Teachers</i></p> <p>Mrs Curtis <i>Teaching Assistant every morning Madame Farrington - French Mr Hawley (PPA cover)</i></p>
<p>Mrs Mather will continue in M6 which will allow us to set three ways for English and Maths.</p>	

We hope that you find all the information in this leaflet useful. If you have any further questions about the term ahead, please do let us know so that we can arrange a time to talk to you.

There are a few things that you can do to help us:

- Please ensure that your child reads and brings their learning record and reading book to school every day. Don't forget sharing books is still enjoyable - even in Year 6!
- Please do not hesitate to let us know if your child struggles with a piece of homework (a note on the actual piece of homework, or in their learning record is fine).

Thank you

Emma Phillips, Sam Branch, Wendy Mather, Emma Harrison and Liz Thompson

Daily Routines

We encourage each child to learn and follow simple daily routines in order to make them independent and responsible for their own belongings. It would be an enormous help to the staff and your child if you could support this by doing the following:

- Dropping your child off promptly at the KS2 waiting area every morning (following Covid procedures), allowing them to walk into school ready for their day's learning.
- Giving your child a piece of fruit (or vegetable) to eat at break time. Please remember that our school policy is fresh fruit and veg only.
- Labelling all belongings - including clothes, PE kits and shoes.
- Ensuring that your child comes to school with a well-stocked pencil case - including a glue stick.
- Ensuring your child wears their PE kit on the correct days.
- Ensuring your child has their book bag, lunch box (if they need one) and water bottle with them in the morning.
- Waiting for your child at the end of each day at the KS2 waiting area.

Please do not wait on the road.

We discourage children from walking on their own to the car park.

Topics for this term

Literacy

Literacy will continue on a daily basis focusing on a range of genres. First of all, we will be looking at atmospheric writing (using the book: *Night of the Gargoyles*), followed by writing a tense spy story (based on the book: *Point Blanc* by Anthony Horowitz). After half-term, we will be participating in a whole school cross-curricular unit (with art) - which will involve composing beautiful poems and adding our own vivid illustrations. Next, we will use 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo to write a variety of genres. Finally, we will finish off the term by completing a persuasive writing unit.

For each of these units we will look closely at the structure and organisation of the texts, the language and sentence features used, as well as the composition and effect. Grammar will be explicitly taught throughout.

Our spelling programme will continue as usual. Please help your child by ensuring lists are learned and any related homework is completed to your child's full potential. Learning the year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 key words is also crucial.

Please encourage your child to read daily and to read a range of texts as this will help with their preparation for SATs. We will also be working on reading comprehension - splitting them into 5 groups. We will be targeting group needs and focussing on test technique.

Following requests for activities children can do at home to improve their grammar, we have put together a list of websites below where children can practise their grammar skills in a fun way. There are also grammar study books which can be purchased from shops like W H Smith which may help your child. There is a lot of associated vocabulary to learn!

KS2 Bitesize [Primary Homework Help](#) | [Online Games For Kids - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Crickweb KS2 literacy http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html](http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html)

[Woodlands Literacy Zone - Interactive English Games - \(primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk\)](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)

They can also log on to their Purple Mash account and access many good resources at home.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/welwyn>

Maths

During the term we will include further work on the following topics: number and place value; ratio and proportion; algebra; metric units and conversions; measuring angles and constructing 2D shape; extending work in multiplication and division; revisiting fractions, decimals and percentages; reasoning about shapes and problem solving, which includes strategies on how to use apply knowledge gained. We will continue to practise mental strategies daily. Please encourage your child to learn their times tables thoroughly to enable speedy recall. This includes the division facts.

Mental homework continues Monday to Monday.

For more information about what your children will be learning in maths throughout the year please visit our website www.welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk. You can also find a useful vocabulary list, some games you might wish to play with your child and a document outlining the progression of written methods in mathematics. The Woodlands Junior Homework website <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/> and Purple Mash have lots of good fun maths games to support your child's learning. <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/welwyn>

Science

This term we will be looking at 'Evolution and inheritance' and 'Animals including humans'. Our last unit, 'Living things and their habitats' will continue into our final term. The children will be taught how living things are classified into broad groups, according to common observable characteristics. They will classify micro-organisms, plants and animals and explain their reasoning. Some home reading around these topics would be helpful to your child.

Art

This term, we will finish our Lowry-inspired landscapes, carry out some cross-curricular history/D&T artwork and then begin our 'Pop Art' unit - exploring the styles and techniques used to create this particular genre.

DT

We will be finding out all about bridges and carrying out some practical investigations.

Topic - Geography and History

We will complete our America's unit and then move onto studying 'World War Two'.

Computing

We will continue using Purple Mash. We will be exploring some of the remaining units: Spreadsheets, Networks and Quizzing, Blogging and Text Adventures.

RE

We will be exploring passages of the Bible relating to the Messiah. We will make clear connections between biblical texts about God and how Christians put these beliefs into practice, for example, through calling for justice and promoting forgiveness.

We will weigh up how biblical ideas about love, holiness or forgiveness relate to the issues, problems and opportunities of our own lives in the world today.

PE

This term we will focus on indoor athletics and gymnastics. Invasion games are also a key focus for Year 6 PE. We will spend time developing and refining skills across a range of sports.

Music

The children will be learning notation and chord structure; writing a tune using chords they have learnt and will use their new skills to learn how to play chords on the Ukulele. We will also be analysing a piece of music from 1830, looking at the story behind the piece.

WEEKLY ARRANGEMENTS - TERM 2

Monday	Mental Maths homework due in for marking
Thursday	Spelling test / and English homework due in
Friday	New spellings and English homework given out

Please keep checking the monthly newsletters for any new events

Ways to help your child in Year 6

- ☺ *Your child should still be reading everyday so please encourage this. It is also useful to check learning records regularly for any information about homework etc and sign at the bottom at least once a week.*
- ☺ *Continue to develop your child's mental maths skills by revising times tables and practising calculations. Use our website for ideas. Learning times tables should be a part of your daily home-routine. Please record any home-learning in your child's learning record.*
- ☺ *Together, with your child, use the grammar book sent home. Revise all the areas.*
- ☺ *Encourage your child to come to school prepared for the day ahead with a pencil, blue pen (not biro), ruler, rubber, glue stick and any homework needed for that day.*
- ☺ *Ensure PE kit is worn on the correct days. Clearly name hoodies so that they can be returned.*

The BBC also does a great site called BiteSize KS2 which allows the children to revise for the tests in a fun way. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Looking Smart in School Uniform.

Our school uniform is simple and practical, intended to keep the children looking smart and contributing to a feeling of belonging to the school.

Girls

- White blouse or polo shirt.
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or tailored trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school badge.
- In the winter, grey socks or grey tights.
- In the summer, pink (not red) check cotton dress and plain white socks.



Boys

- White polo shirt.
- Grey long trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt.
- Plain grey socks.



All children also require:

- Plain sensible black shoes (not boots or trainers).
- School book bag.
- Water bottle.
- School sun hat (when necessary)

Sports

- Maroon PE t-shirt with coloured House logo (Blue - Normans, Red - Vikings, Green - Romans, Yellow - Saxons).
- Plain black cotton P.E. shorts
- Trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms and school black hoodies may be worn for outside games in colder weather

Jewellery, hair, nails and valuables

We do not allow jewellery in school as it can be a source of danger in P.E. and swimming. Pierced ears should have a stud only. Earrings have to be removed or taped for P.E. and swimming lessons. Long hair must be tied back for games and swimming lessons.

We would also appreciate it, if children with long hair could tie it back during the general school day with plain and simple bands, clips or ribbons in brown, black or maroon.

Boys hair should be a traditional style and neither too short or too long. No 'fashion' cuts are allowed.

Nail varnish should be removed before the start of each school day.

The school and Local Authority do not accept liability for loss or damage to personal property and we therefore do not encourage children to bring such items, including toys to school.

Mobile phones are not allowed in school, unless written permission has been sought.

E-Safety

Below is some important information on the school's policies on taking photographs of children as well as a copy of the e-safety agreement that the children sign.

Using Images Safely and Responsibly

We all enjoy and treasure images of our family and friends. Our new born baby, first steps, family events, holidays and school events are moments we all like to capture in photos or on video. We then have the added and exciting dimension of adding our images and video to our social network, such as Facebook, YouTube and many other online websites. This means that we can easily share our photos and video with family and friends.

Whilst this is naturally useful, in schools and educational settings we do need to protect and safeguard all children and staff in our school, including those who do not want to have their images stored online.

Online Images and Video. What should we think about before adding online any images or video?

Are there any risks?

Facts

- Once online any image or video can be copied and stay online forever.
- Some children are at risk and **MUST NOT** have their image put online. Not all members of the school community will know who they are.
- Some people do not want their images online for personal or religious reasons.
- Some children and staff may have a complex family background which means that image sharing online can have unforeseen consequences.

We must all 'Think Before We Post' online

At Welwyn St. Mary's School we are happy for parents and carers to take photos and video of the school events and productions for personal use but request that these images are not distributed or put online. This is to protect all members of the school community.

Thank you for your support.

Please note: From time to time, we use photographs of our pupils to promote and celebrate the good work in our school. This might be on our website or in paper form to carefully selected audiences. We never publish a child's name alongside their photograph for reasons of safety.

If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used in this way, please send a letter in to your child's teacher.

Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement / E- Safety Rules

- I will only use computing devices in school for school purposes.
- I will only use my class e-mail address or my own school e-mail address when e-mailing
- I will only open e-mail attachments from people I know, or who my teacher has approved.
- I will not tell other people my passwords.
- I will only open / delete my own file.
- I will make sure that all computing content with other children and adults is responsible, sensible and polite.
- I will not deliberately look for, save or send anything that could be unpleasant or nasty. If I accidentally find anything like this, I will tell my teacher immediately.
- I will not give out my own details such as my name, phone number or home address. I will not arrange to meet someone unless this is part of a school project approved by my school teacher and an adult comes with me.
- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using devices because I know that these rules keep me safe.
- I know that my use of computing devices can be checked and that my parent / carer will be contacted by a member of staff if they are concerned about my safety.

Important Dates:

25th January	Year 6 indoor athletics at Stanborough School
1st February	Chinese New Year lunch
w.b. 7th February	Child mental health week
8th February	E-safety day
9th February	Year 6 rugby event at WGC rugby club
9th February	Parent consultations
14 th - 18 th	February Half term holiday
28th February	Year 6 K'NEX Challenge
3rd March	World Book Day
14 th - 18th March	Science week
22nd March	Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon
28th March	Decorated egg entries in
9.30 am 31st March	Whole school Easter service at St Mary's Church
1st April	Term ends at 1.20 pm

Please keep checking the newsletters for any new events.

Thank you for continuing to support us with your child's learning.
Mrs Harrison, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Branch, Mrs Philips and Mrs
Mather.

