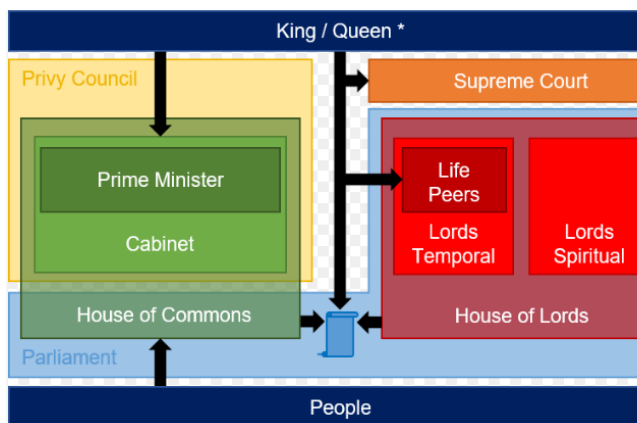


Year 6 Skylarks Autumn 2 Newsletter

Our learning will be centred around **Government and rulers** this half term.

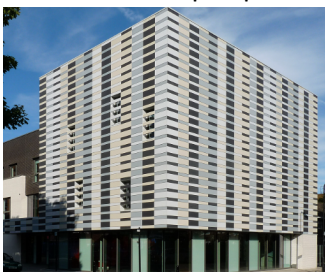


Trips and Visits

A visit to Hackney Chambers and Hackney Service Centre



Junior Citizenship Trip- Forest Road Youth Hub



Key dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th November Year 6 visit Hackney Chambers and Hackney Service Centre

Friday 7th November Odd Socks Day

Friday 7th November Year 6 Assembly 3.10pm

Friday 7th November FroG's Annual Halloween Disco 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 11th November Parent's Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 13th November Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 14th November Wear Spots for Children in Need

Tuesday 18th November Year 6 Kench Hill meeting LM

Friday 21st November FROG's AGM 3pm

Monday 24th November Sibling and Individual Photographs

Tuesday 25th November Year 6 SAT's meeting for Parents 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 27th November Year 6 Junior Citizenship Trip

Wednesday 3rd December Choir Performance at Westfield

Thursday 4th December Years 1 -6 Panto Stratford

Friday 5th December Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December Years 3 4 5 6 Winter Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th December- FROG's Annual Christmas Party 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 18th December end of term 2pm

Friday 19th December INSET day Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Christmas Closure Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Monday 5th January INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

Tuesday 6th January Spring 1 starts Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6

PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Wednesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesday**

Reading

This half term, children will engage with Armistice Runner and Election as their class readers. They will practise summarising their reading by completing regular summaries in their learning logs, which will help develop their ability to condense key information. At home, it's encouraged to read with your child every day and support them in writing summaries in their logs.

In addition, children will continue to use Reading Plus at home to improve their reading skills. Reading lessons will focus on answering various question types related to the books, and students will be taught strategies to effectively answer these questions.

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login>

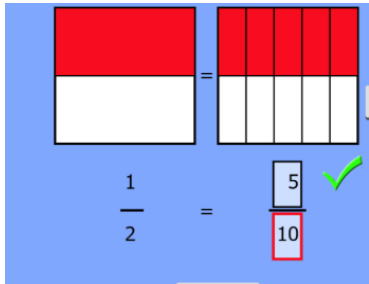
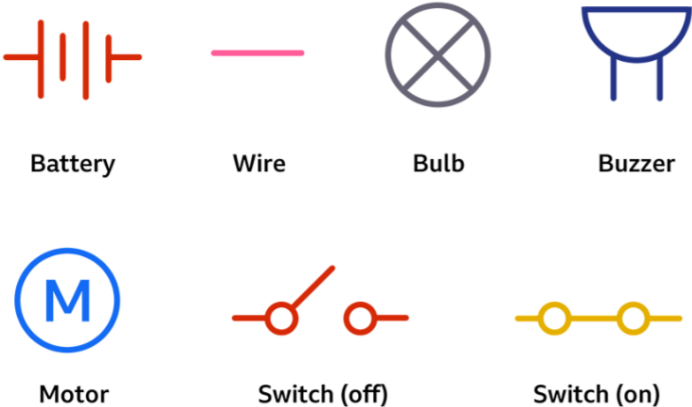
Writing

This half term, children will be engaged in writing units connected to rulers and government. They will create a biography, diary entry, and manifesto, exploring key aspects of politics and leadership. Additionally, they will use Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet to write a diary entry and a news report, bringing a historical literary focus into their writing. Children will focus on using parenthesis—such as brackets, dashes, and commas—to add detail to their writing across different genres. This will help them enhance their work by adding extra information or clarifying ideas, making their writing more engaging and informative.

To support their progress, please encourage your child to focus on Year 5/6 spellings, as these will be a major focus this term. These spellings are in addition to the weekly spelling homework.

Year 5 and 6 Statutory Spellings

accommodate	category	determined	forty	marvellous	programme	soldier
accompany	cemetery	develop	frequently	mischievous	pronunciation	stomach
according	committee	dictionary	government	muscle	queue	sufficient
achieve	communicate	disastrous	guarantee	necessary	recognise	suggest
aggressive	community	embarrass	harass	neighbour	recommend	symbol
amateur	competition	environment	hindrance	nuisance	relevant	system
ancient	conscience	equipment	identity	occupy	restaurant	temperature
apparent	conscious	equipped	immediate	occur	rhyme	thorough
appreciate	controversy	especially	immediately	opportunity	rhythm	twelfth
attached	convenience	exaggerate	individual	parliament	sacrifice	variety
available	correspond	excellent	interfere	persuade	secretary	vegetable
average	criticise	existence	interrupt	physical	shoulder	vehicle
awkward	curiosity	explanation	language	prejudice	signature	yacht
bargain	definite	familiar	leisure	privilege	sincere	
bruise	desperate	foreign	lightning	profession	sincerely	

Maths	Science
In Maths this half term, will continue with the Math No Problem scheme, focusing on fractions, decimals, and measurements. There will also be a strong emphasis on developing their understanding and fluency in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). To support learning at home, please encourage your child to practice their times tables regularly using Times Table Rockstars. This will help strengthen their multiplication skills, which are essential for their overall mathematical development.  https://ttrockstars.com The username and password will be found on the inside cover of the homework book.	This half term's focus on electricity for Year 6 will offer children an exciting chance to explore how electrical circuits work, investigate conductors and insulators, and understand the role of electricity in everyday life. Lessons will include hands-on activities, such as building simple circuits, testing materials, and learning about electrical safety. By the end of the unit, students will gain a solid foundation in the basics of electricity, connecting scientific concepts to real-world applications. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/znk6s82  Battery Wire Bulb Buzzer Motor Switch (off) Switch (on)
History and Geography	Campaign
In history this half term, the focus will be on rulers and government, with an exciting exploration of politics. Children will learn about democracy, studying how voters in a constituency elect Members of Parliament to represent them. They will also delve into the role of world leaders and the major changes they've brought about globally. A highlight of the unit will be the opportunity for children to visit Hackney Chambers. Here, they will gain a firsthand understanding of how local government functions, exploring the council chambers, meeting the mayor, and learning about the decision-making process that shapes their community. https://www.parliament.uk/	For our campaign we will focus on Junior Citizenship and the value Keep Safe. Children will participate in the Junior Citizenship workshop, with hands-on activities designed to teach them about responsible citizenship. They'll engage in practical exercises focused on safety, environmental care, and understanding community roles. Children will engage in activities that promote civic responsibility, safety, and awareness of community roles. This experience will introduce them to essential life skills, from understanding local laws to recognizing the importance of teamwork and problem-solving in society. 

ICT	ICT this term, children will focus on designing and creating their own web pages. They'll learn how to choose the right colour schemes, layouts, and fonts to make their pages visually appealing and user-friendly.
PSHE	In PSHE this half term, the focus on "celebrating differences" will encourage children to understand and appreciate the diversity around them. Through discussions, activities, and stories, they'll explore topics like empathy, kindness, and respect for others' backgrounds, abilities, and perspectives.
RE	Christianity In RE this half term, children will explore the question: <i>How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?</i> They will learn about Mary's role in the Christian story, her importance as a model of faith and obedience, and how she is viewed in different Christian traditions. Through discussion, reflection, and Bible stories, children will consider why Mary's role matters and how it influences Christian beliefs and practices today.
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on basketball. Class PE Day: Wednesday
Music	As well as preparing for our Christmas performances, children will focus on mastering the names of musical notes and keys. They'll practice identifying each note, learning its position on the instrument, and memorising the sequence by heart. This foundational knowledge will strengthen their ability to play simple melodies and understand basic music theory, setting them up for future musical growth.
Art	In Art this half term, children will create powerful portraits linked to their topic of <i>Government and Rulers</i> . They will study the features, expressions, and symbolism used in portraits of famous leaders to understand how artists convey authority, personality, and impact. Using a range of techniques and media, children will design and produce their own striking portraits, focusing on detail, expression, and composition to bring their chosen ruler to life.
DT and Cooking	Textiles This half term in DT, we will be making Christmas decorations using sewing skills. Cooking This half term in Cooking, we will be making Christmas cakes.
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.	
<u>Visit our website for dates, news and other information</u>	