



## Year 6 Skylarks Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 1!

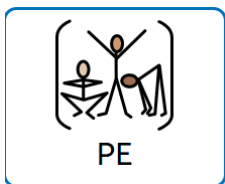
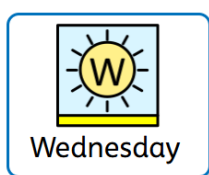
**We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!**

Our learning will be centred around **Rainforests** this half term.

### PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Wednesday**

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



### Key dates for your diary:

Year 6 interventions start 12th January 4-5pm

Friday 16th January Year 6 Assembly 3.10pm, middle hall

Tuesday 27th January Aviary coffee afternoon 2.30-3.30pm

Friday 13th February Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 13th February end of Spring 1

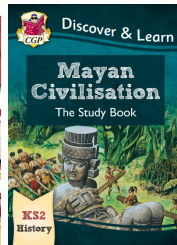
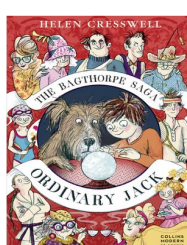
Monday 16th- Friday 20th February half term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February half term camp and preschool open

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

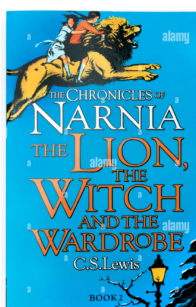
### Reading





In reading this half term, we'll dive into exciting lessons focusing on key reading skills. Using Ordinary Jack as one of our core texts, we'll explore character development, themes, and plot structure while practicing inference and prediction skills. We'll also study The Mayan Civilisation, where we'll focus on retrieving key facts, summarizing information, and understanding how non-fiction texts are structured. Through these books, we'll develop skills in vocabulary, comprehension, and answering a range of question types to deepen our understanding of both fiction and non-fiction texts.



### Writing

This half term, we will explore exciting writing lessons inspired by The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We'll focus on key skills such as creating vivid descriptions, using powerful vocabulary, and building suspense in our writing. We'll also practice organizing our ideas into well-structured paragraphs and using punctuation like colons and semicolons to add impact. We'll draft our own narratives and persuasive pieces, showcasing the creative and technical skills.



Maths	Science
<p>In Year 6 this half term, we will dive into some exciting maths topics! We'll focus on measurements, learning how to convert between units and solve real-world problems. We'll explore decimals and percentages, understanding how they link to fractions and using them to solve tricky challenges. We'll also tackle ratios, discovering how to compare quantities and apply this skill to everyday situations</p> <div data-bbox="84 533 719 701"> <div>% percentages</div> <div>0.4 decimals</div> <div> measurements</div> <div>4:3 ratio</div> </div> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znjqtfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znjqtfr</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsbd7p3#zr6hkh">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsbd7p3#zr6hkh</a></p> <p><a href="#">y</a></p>	<p>This half term we will dive into the fascinating world of light in this exciting Year 6 science topic! We will explore how light travels, learn how we see objects, and uncover the secrets behind shadows and reflections. We will investigate the role of light in our daily lives and conduct fun experiments to see science in action. From understanding how mirrors work to discovering why the sky changes color, this topic will shine a light on some of nature's most intriguing mysteries</p> <div data-bbox="798 539 1131 786"></div> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z92k239#z3c346f">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z92k239#z3c346f</a></p>
History and Geography	Campaign
<p>This half term, we'll focus on the fascinating Mayan civilization. We'll explore who the Mayans were, where they lived, and how their society was organized. We'll learn about their incredible achievements in art, architecture, and astronomy, as well as their unique writing and number systems. We'll also uncover the importance of religion, the role of kings, and the mysterious decline of this advanced civilization.</p> <div data-bbox="78 1270 632 1547"></div> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw</a></p>	<p>Year 6's campaign this half term is 'keep connected' focusing on how we can connect with people online safely. We will be developing materials to share with classes about how to keep safe online.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</a></p> <div data-bbox="810 1312 1179 1606"></div>
ICT	<p><b>Programming -Variable in games</b></p> <p>In ICT, we will dive into the exciting world of coding by exploring variables in games! We'll learn how variables are used to store and change information, like keeping track of a player's score, time limits, or even the number of lives in a game. Through fun, hands-on activities, we will discover how to create interactive features, like making characters move faster or adding bonus levels.</p>
PSHE	<p><b>Dreams and Goals</b></p> <p>In PSHE, this half term we will be exploring the topic of Dreams and Goals. We'll reflect on our ambitions, set personal goals, and think about the steps needed to achieve them. Together, we'll learn about resilience, overcoming challenges, and staying motivated, even when things get tough. We'll also explore how our dreams can make a positive difference to others and the world around us.</p>
RE	<p><b>How is the Qur'an vital to Muslims today?</b></p> <p>In this topic, children will learn that the Qur'an is the holy book of Islam and is very important to Muslims all around the world today. They will explore how Muslims believe the Qur'an is the word of God (Allah) and how it guides Muslims in their daily lives, including how they pray, treat others, and make good choices. Children will also learn how the Qur'an is respected and cared for, and</p>

	why it is often read, listened to, and memorised. By the end of the lesson, pupils will understand why the Qur'an is central to Muslim faith, beliefs, and act
<b>PE</b>	<p><b>NFL</b></p> <p>This half term, we will be diving into the exciting world of NFL Flag! We'll learn the rules and skills of flag football, including passing, catching, and teamwork strategies. We'll focus on building agility, coordination, and tactics while promoting fair play and sportsmanship.</p> <p>Class PE Day: Wednesday Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays</p>
<b>Music</b>	In music, we will explore the exciting topic of Music and Me, diving into a range of music genres, including hip hop, classical, electronic, soul, and contemporary styles. We'll focus on understanding how these genres express identity, emotions, and stories, while also learning to create and perform our own pieces inspired by these styles.
<b>Art</b>	In art we will explore the fascinating world of Tribal Masks of the Mayan culture in our art lessons. We'll focus on the history and significance of these masks, learning how they were used in rituals and ceremonies. We will have the opportunity to design and create our own Mayan-inspired masks using a variety of materials, applying our knowledge of shape, color, and texture. This project will help us connect art with history, developing both our creativity and cultural understanding.
<b>DT and Cooking</b>	In this cooking lesson, children will learn how to safely prepare and cook a lasagne by following a simple recipe. They will practise important skills such as measuring ingredients, chopping safely, mixing, and layering ingredients correctly. Children will also learn about food hygiene, kitchen safety, and the importance of working as a team. By the end of the lesson, pupils will understand where ingredients come from and how to create a healthy, balanced meal they can enjoy and be proud of
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.	
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