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## Mengham Junior School



# Year 6 Spring Curriculum Letter

## Happy New Year!

We have completed our first term as year 6s and we are all very well settled into the top of the school. However, the fun has only just begun...

### English

Our first unit of work for the spring term will be based around the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will be learning the story of Bess and The Highwayman and using it to inspire our own writing. In guided reading, we will be enjoying 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which we will also use as a hook to practise our writing skills. Towards the end of the term, we will be reading and enjoying another book by Louis Sachar called 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'.

### Maths

The spring term will consist of revisiting and practising all our maths skills. We will do this through continued fluency and problem solving. We will continue to practise our arithmetic skills daily in preparation for SATs. The year 6 teachers can't stress enough how important it is for children to be practising their times tables every day in order that children can use these skills to be able to solve a variety of other problems and calculations.

### Science

In science this half term, we will be understanding how electrical circuits work. This will be followed by experiments to do with sound: finding out how sound is made and how it travels as well as how pitch and volume can be changed.

### Other subjects

The year 6 curriculum is bursting at the seams! There is still so much more to look forward to! From our design technology textile unit, to thinking about the decisions we might have to make when we are older, the children will have so much to tell you about!

**Geography:** Eastern Europe

**Computing:** Micro bits

**R.E.:** Ritual and Sacrifice

**P.D.L.:** The world of work and taking responsibility for our safety

**P.E.:** Netball, Dance and Gym

**DT:** Upcycling jeans into shopper bags

### Home Learning / Revision

Year 6 online home learning is now replaced with SATs revision. Each Friday your child will receive arithmetic questions and a reading text with which to practise their skills and bring in the following Thursday. For further practise you might choose to help your child revise could be:

- SATs revision guides with questions and answers. (These are still available through the school office for a very reasonable charge).
- BBC Bitesize website ([www.bbc.com/bitesize](http://www.bbc.com/bitesize))
- My Maths (username: mengham, password: square14)
- Spelling Frame
- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Numbots

There is an expectation that the reading and arithmetic is completed each week and these will be monitored weekly by your child's class teacher and marked together in class.



### Other Notices

Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is in school **Monday—Friday** in case our P.E. day changes.

For our upcoming DT project in Spring 2, we request that children bring in a pair of old jeans to upcycle and from which to create a shopping bag.

### Key Events & Dates for Year 6

**P.E.:** Mondays and Thursdays

**Chestnut Class Assembly:** Friday 24th January

**TTRS week:** 27th—31st January

**INSET:** Friday 14th February

**Half term 17th-21st February**

**Parents' evenings:** Monday 24th and Wednesday 26th February

**World Book Day:** Thursday 6th March

**Runways End residential:** 10th-12th March

**Easter Holidays 7th —21st April**