

# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 6



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements for the rest of this term in Year 6.

Class	Year 6 – Leopards/ Panthers
Class Teacher	Mr Dodman Miss Mortimore Miss Beacham
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Tomson (French) Mr Trick (RE) Mrs Lacey (Additional Grammar)
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Hyatt
Home learning	Mathletics, spellings and handwriting. These weekly tasks will be supplemented by theme-based research projects that will support class work.
Reading books	Children are given the opportunity to change their reading books every day, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and ensure that your child is reading for at least 20 minutes each day. Also, remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.
PE kits	Our PE days are either alternate Mondays and Fridays and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.
Planned trips this term	Pizza Express (20 <sup>TH</sup> September) Junior Citizen (26 <sup>TH</sup> September) Hounslow Urban Farm Handling Visit (2 <sup>nd</sup> November)
Theme work for this term.	It's not just pizza – study of all things Italian from famous people to pizza. Children will learn about the major cities, landmarks, weather patterns and develop their awareness of the world. Let's go wild – A study of evolution, Charles Darwin, animals and adaptation to their habitats.

## English

This term's fiction work will include looking at short stories and genre types. We will read stories from a range of cultures and study the use of language used for dramatic effect. We will also look at how to write extended stories over a longer period of time. Towards the end of the Autumn term we will look at the art of debate and give the children opportunity to create, write and deliver non-fiction arguments to a group.

