

Year 6



Summer 2017

Curriculum Information

At Windermere wherever possible, we follow a 'Themed Approach' to the curriculum. Linking activities and skills across a common theme encourages a deeper understanding of a topic, gives pupils a purpose for their learning and uses curriculum time more effectively.

Active learning is important to us; children gain a wide range of knowledge and understanding through hands on experiences, investigations and model making.

Our theme this term is:

Dreams and Disasters

At the end of Year 6 your child will be formally assessed against the new National Curriculum standards in reading comprehension, writing, maths and grammar.

English

- **Fiction:** children read the graphic novel *Salamander Dream* by Hope Larson, looking closely at the way the author depicts characters and setting and how the structure and presentation contribute to meaning. They will use the model of Salamander Dream to write scripts for their own graphic novel openings
- **Non-fiction:** linked to the History topic of 'Children at War', the children will be analysing and writing their own recounts of WWII
- **Grammar:** the children will be learning to recognise and apply a range of grammatical rules and use these to create shades of meaning in their writing
- **Spelling:** pupils will be given spellings every week, which they are expected to learn. They will also be expected to recall these spellings in a dictated text
- **Handwriting:** the children will be learning to develop a fluent, joined handwriting style. They will be expected to present all their written work in this style. This aids spelling and speeds writing

Pupils will be allocated e-book copies of the texts read at school. Please log into Wordsmith to share these resources with your child.

Maths

We will be covering:

- Fluency in mental calculation, using all four number operations quickly and accurately
- Order of operations using BIDMAS
- Solving more complex multi-step word problems
- Understanding algebraic expressions
- Using formulae to calculate the area and perimeter of 2D shapes
- Efficient written calculation methods.
- Presenting and interpreting data in different ways
- Comparing, ordering, multiplying and dividing fractions

ICT

- **Programming:** the children will be continuing to plan and market their mobile phone apps. They will then begin building it.

Humanities

- **Geography:** mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes. A look at the physical geographical processes that create the landscape and lead to natural disasters
- **History:** World War 2. The children will learn about the impact of the war on everyday life focussing particularly on the lives of children
- **RE:** Christianity and the Trinity. The children will study beliefs and questions about God. They will also consider how humans affect their environment

Art and Creative Learning

- **Art:** 'Dress with a Dash'. Exploring the work of the fashion designer, Zandra Rhodes
- **Music:** 'Make You Feel My Love' by Bob Dylan and the theory and language of music
- **Drama:** Year 6 will be starring in the summer production

PE

- In Dance the children will create a dance routine inspired by the world of sport.
- In Gymnastics the children will be working cooperatively to design a sequence of moves which shows variation in shape, speeds and direction
- In Games the children will participate in striking and fielding games

Helping your child

There are a number of ways that you can help your child to achieve their full potential at school:

- Aim for 98% attendance and arrive at school on time
- Give them an appropriate breakfast
- Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time (and avoid 'screens' for at least half an hour before bedtime)
- Listen to them read each day
- Help them to complete their homework and to learn their spellings
- Ensure they have all the right equipment for school

Equipment:

Every day your child should bring to school:

- Named water bottle
- Reading book
- Homework Planner
- PE kit (should be left at school throughout the week)
- Homework (Due in on Mondays)

Key dates:

- 21st April – Year 6 trip to Lincolnsfields Museum
- 8th May – 12th May – SATs week
- 6th June – Diamond Anniversary Celebrations
- 16th June – Year 6 and 3 Afternoon Tea
- 26th June –30th June – Residential Trip to Newland Park
- 6th & 11th July – Parent Consultation Evenings
- 13th July – Secondary Transfer Day
- 17th & 18th July – End of Year Performance
- 20th July – Sports Assembly
- 21st July – Certificate Assembly