

Year 6 Curriculum Update

September 2025

Values: **Unity and Trust**

It has certainly been a great start to the term and I am delighted with the way that the children have settled into Year 6. It was particularly lovely to see the way that the class worked together during the two days team building and to see this level of cooperation and collaborative working continue in the classroom.



“A World of Bright Ideas”

We are well on our way with our first theme of the year, which focuses on the history of inventions. The children worked together to create a timeline for inventions based on four categories: communication, transport, entertainment and domestic life. This information was then collated to form a timeline to display in the classroom. I am looking forward to seeing what the children have chosen to research for their homework. In the next few weeks, we will be looking at the role of patenting and copyright and how this affects businesses.



“Enterprise”

Our Enterprise project, which gives the children the opportunity to put their own design and creative skills to the test as they become “young entrepreneurs” has also got off to a great start. The children have applied to be part of a specific group, focusing on developing different aspects of design and technology skills: crafting, textiles, construction and food technology/cooking. They will all have the chance to visit local businesses to find out what makes a successful business, receive expert advice from professionals who will be visiting the school and then promote and sell their own products. More information will follow in the next few weeks.



A parentmail will be sent out this week asking for donations of different items. Can I please ask that you do not go out and buy anything though, no matter how much your child asks, as it is important that all costs are included in their planning.

Harvest Festival

Information was sent out last week regarding this year's Harvest Festival, which is taking place on Thursday 2nd October at our Comet's Meadow site.

Year 6 are taking responsibility for running the different activities during the day and have already been doing lots of planning and preparation, including woodburning signs for the day, cooking delicious soup and making some tasty chutneys. We hope that you will be able to join the children at some point during the day.



Dates for the diary

- Fri 26th Sept - Dress as a Rockstar Day
- Tues 30th Sept - Electricity workshop at Fairfield
- Wed 1st Oct - NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshop
- Thurs 2nd Oct - Harvest Festival at Comet's Meadow
- Thurs 16th Oct - Mr Cash visit (from Barclay's Bank)
- Tues 21st Oct - Class Assembly
- 8th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd Oct - Bikeability sessions
(a Parentmail was sent out on Tuesday on how to book a place on one of the days)

Homework & 40 reads

You should have received an outline of how homework is set from the children last week but please do ask if you haven't received the letter.

I have spoken to the class about regularly using Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars but, of course, if they prefer to learn their spellings and tables in more traditional ways then that's fine too. Please just let me know so that I don't chase them.

Reading diaries will be collected in every Thursday and the children know that they need to be completing these independently. I am pleased to say that most children are already doing this.

Science

In science, the children have been revisiting what they already know about electricity and electrical circuits. They have all had the chance to build a simple circuit and will be exploring what happens when they change components, later in the week. Next week, the class have the opportunity to visit Fairfield High School, where Mrs Kerr will challenge their understanding even further whilst using the more sophisticated equipment available in the lab there.



Finally, thank you to all the children for their excellent behaviour whilst visiting Madley Plants this week and can I remind you all to make a note of the date for the Class Assembly on Tuesday 21st October.

Parent's evening will be taking place before the end of the term but please do let the office know if you have any concerns or queries that I can help you with before then and I will contact you as soon as I can.

Kind regards, Mrs Lacey & the Year 6 Team