

Year 6 Curriculum Overview Autumn 1 2026

Home learning given out on **Thursday** and returned on **Tuesday**.
PE is on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** for 6 Rowan
PE is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** for 6 Poplar

English

Text: This half term, the children's learning will focus on the book "Coming to England" written by the author Floella Benjamin. It is based on the immigration of a young Trinidadian girl to the UK during the 1940s.

Genres: Over the half term, the children will write a diary entry and a formal letter, based on what they have read in 'Coming to England'

Reading: This year the children will continue with Destination Reader. Through this program, the children will develop a range of skills including clarifying, inferring and retrieval. As well as this, the program will encourage children to read more widely and develop their collaborative skills.

Grammar and punctuation: This half term, the children will revisit what clauses and phrases are. They will look at creating multi-clause sentences using subordinate clauses, relative clauses and main clauses. They will learn to include semi-colons, colons, dashes and brackets in their writing.

Other subjects

R.E- Why does religion look different around the world?
Circle Time/PSHE – Keeping and staying safe
PE – Health Related Exercise/Game Sense Invasion

Maths

Number: This half term the children will be focusing on consolidating and developing their number skills. This will include dealing with numbers up to ten million and identifying the value of each digit in a number. The children will also work with negative numbers.

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division: The children will look at common factors, common multiples and prime numbers. They will solve problems with multiplication, as well as learn about short division and long division with remainders.

Fractions: Children will compare and order fractions, add and subtract simple fractions, add mixed numbers and subtract mixed numbers. Students will also learn to multiply and divide fractions by integers (whole numbers) and find fractions of amounts.

Key vocabulary:

negative numbers, denominator, numerator, integer, mixed number, improper fraction, prime number

Reminders, trips etc.

Please ensure your child is reading every night and that their reading record is signed!

Science

This half term, the children's learning will focus on **living things and their habitats**. Children will describe similarities and differences between microorganisms, plants and animals. In addition, giving reasons for their classification based on their characteristics. Working scientifically will play a key aspect in children's learning through using a fair test, pattern-seeking and observation. Research of scientists will provide children with solid understanding of theory behind the concepts they are learning.

Key vocabulary:

classify, micro-organisms, invertebrates, vertebrates, Aristotle, Linnaeus

Geography: Why does population change?

This half term, the children will be exploring three key questions:

- How is the global population changing, and what are the effects of this growth?
- What factors influence where and why people move or settle, including birth/death rates and migration?
- How is climate change affecting human populations—and what can we do about it?

Key vocabulary:

population, migration, birth rate, death rate, push factors, pull factors, climate change, greenhouse gases, densely populated,