



# Year 6 Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2026-27



## English

### Narrative – fairy tale stories based on 'Blackberry Blue'

Using elements from traditional fairy stories, children will be writing a completely new story in this genre. They will take inspiration from Blackberry Blue, which is a magical story with a modern twist on traditional fairy tales. The children will create their own narrative pieces and learn how to use expanded noun phrases to convey information, write complex, multi-clause sentences and use semi-colons and colons to mark the boundary between clauses.



## Maths

### Use knowledge of part-part-whole structure to solve additive problems

The children will use their knowledge of part-part-whole structures to solve addition and subtraction problems. They will use written strategies and known facts to calculate the value of a missing part.

We will use equivalence and compensation to simplify and solve addition and subtraction calculations, before using equivalence and compensation strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems in a range of contexts.



## Science

### Classification of living things

In this unit, the children will learn to describe how living things (including micro-organisms, plants and animals) are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences.

The children will be able to explore the grounds of Woodford and give reasons for classifying local plants and animals based on specific characteristics.



## Geography

### Energy and climate change.

Children will explore how we generate and use energy, why this is changing, and the impact this has on our planet. They will investigate renewable and non-renewable energy sources and consider how communities are responding to the challenges of climate change.



## History

### The Maya

Children will explore the fascinating civilisation of the Maya, discovering where they lived, what they believed, and how they built thriving cities. They will investigate Maya achievements in mathematics, astronomy and writing, and consider why this remarkable civilisation declined.



## RE

### Sikhism 1: The teaching of the gurus.

Children will learn about the Sikh Gurus and the important lessons they taught about equality, service, honesty and devotion to God. They will explore how these teachings continue to guide Sikhs today.



## Art

### Make My Voice Heard

In this unit, children will explore expressive drawing techniques. Examining art with a message, children look at the purpose and place of street art, and through the mediums of graffiti, drawing, painting and sculpture, pupils create their own artworks that speak to the viewer.



## PE

In indoor PE, children will be doing a gymnastics unit on counter-balance on the floor and apparatus with good body tension.

In outdoor PE, children will be developing their basketball skills and implementing them in game situations.



## Music

### Music Speaks

We will be using Charanga's new creative app 'Yu Studio' to compose digital pieces of music. They will create and produce music with multiple sections that include repetition and contrasts and they will use chord changes as part of a sequenced composition.



## French

In French, the children will be learning how to communicate by describing themselves and others, dates, birthdays, saying what I and others have in school, comparing schools and homes, physical descriptions.

They will also be learning about the culture of back to school in France.



## Computing

This unit allows children to learn more about what networks are, what they do and how they connect devices.

Children also consider the safety aspects of networks, including the possible positive and negatives uses of networks.



## PSHE

This term's PSHE learning follows the Jigsaw unit 'Being Me in My World'. Children will explore and discuss important themes such as their self-identity, group identity, responsibilities, consequences and teamwork.



## SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME



### SPELLINGS

Learn and practise a weekly list of 10 spellings.



### SPAG

Complete a short, 10-question retrieval quiz.



### MATHS

Complete a weekly retrieval worksheet to reinforce classroom learning.



### NUMBER FACTS

Practise key number facts using Numbots and Gig. We encourage children to aim for 95% or above in their Gig assessment.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### PE DAYS

- Wednesday (basketball)
- Friday (gymnastics)



### HOME LEARNING

Always given out on a Friday afternoon to be returned by the following Thursday.



### HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework and Reading Club in class on a Monday and Thursday lunchtime.