

## P.E.

In PE, we will be playing competitive games, moving through invasion games such as football and hockey to bat, ball sports while applying the basic principles for attacking, defending, tactics and teamwork. We are also delighted to



welcome coaches from Middlesex Cricket, who will be delivering coaching every Tuesday during the first half term.

## Homework

Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and should be returned to the box in class by Wednesday. Each week, one piece will be set from the English workbook and one from the Maths workbook

**Please encourage your child to take responsibility for noting their homework pages themselves.**

Children should also be reading every day and learning spellings and number facts.



## Music

This term we shall be firstly focussed on improvisation through jazz, including 3 note Bossa and 5 note swing. We shall then work on pop music focussing on Dancing In The Street by Martha and the Vandellas.



## RE and PSHE

In RE this term, we shall learn about how the first five Sikh gurus shaped Sikhism. After half term, we shall study what happens in Churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

In PSHE, we shall firstly be looking at understanding money, before continuing to tackle stereotypes linked with homelessness, then moving onto finding ways to care for our mental health.



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# **Year 5 and 6 Spring Newsletter**

Happy New Year!  
Year 5 and 6 are back to it and already working hard on their new term's learning.

### Dates for your diary:

PE days - Tuesday and Thursday

Homework - set on Friday, due the following Wednesday.

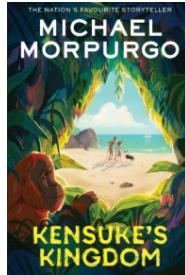
Spellings- given out on Friday with homework, test the following Friday.

26th January — Winter Class CLC Trip.

## English

In English, we will begin with a fiction unit based on the book *Kensuke's Kingdom*. We will then move on to persuasive writing, before finishing with a unit on poetry with a scientific theme.

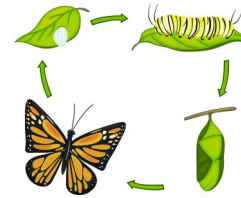
We shall also brushing up on our understanding of word function and sentence construction in preparation for upcoming Year 6 SATs.



## Science

Our Science topic for the first half of this spring term will be 'Illustrating Life Cycles'.

In this block, we will learn about life cycles of plants and humans and will make detailed diagrams of these scientific concepts. Next half term, we will be focusing on 'Electric Art' and learning how to make different circuits from electrical components.



## Computing

This term in ICT we are excited to be going to Camden Learning Centre for a day of coding.

We shall also be learning about web development and blogging whilst continuing to learn about protecting our identity online and being aware of the tactics people might use to manipulate others online.

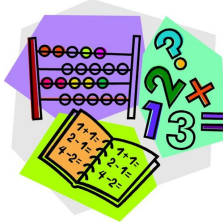


## Maths

In Maths this term, we will be deepening our understanding of properties of shapes and learning to translate and rotate shapes using coordinates.

We shall be comparing and rounding numbers up to 5-and 6-digits, and extend our knowledge of negative numbers before working on calculations involving brackets, decimals, fractions and ratio.

We shall also be working on problems involving time, and interrogating line graphs and pie charts. The Year 6 children will be also be applying their learning to SATs style questions to prepare them for their end of Key Stage 2 assessments which will take place in the Summer Term.



## Topic

Our topic on 'Comparing People and Places' will explore our local area with the country of Mexico, making comparisons as we learn about the geographical location, people, history and culture of these places.

After the half term, we will compare different parts of the UK to the Amazon Basin.



## Art and Design & Technology

In Art and DT, we will be creating a whole-class art project inspired by our science topic this term, *Living Things*. Pupils will work collaboratively to plan, design and paint a shared canvas.



We are also very fortunate to have a whole-day art session with the artist Alix Smith, during which the children will focus on developing their portrait skills.