

English

As mentioned previously, this term we will explore 'Wisp - A Story of Hope' taking inspiration from this to write our own narrative fiction. After that, we will use 'Talking History: 150 years of world-changing speeches' by Dr Joan Lennon & Dr Joan Dritsas Haig to further our persuasive writing skills. ALL work will include grammar, spelling, reading, speaking and listening and handwriting skills.

Maths

- Daily lessons including one main session and regular fluency sessions.
- Fractions - from adding and subtracting, to dividing fractions and finding fractions of amounts. We will also continue to revise other areas with a particular focus on converting units and measures.
- The children will be encouraged and taught to explain their decisions, methods and results in different ways.

PSHE & RE

We will be studying the role of the Dalai Lama, as a religious leader in Buddhism as well as exploring the idea of a sacred and secular Christmas.

In PHSE, we will go through the Jigsaw unit regarding 'celebrating difference'. This will include class discussions and continuing to share thoughts and feelings in a safe and respectful environment.



Welcome to Year 6.

Your final year at Panshanger Primary School, by working hard together, we can all make it your best year yet! Increased responsibilities come with more freedom and privileges - it will also help you to prepare for secondary school!

Science

Electricity and circuits! We will investigate: simple circuits with switches / which materials make the best conductors and how components work in series and parallel circuits. Practical work investigating how electricity travels and what effects this. Using the appropriate symbols and drawing circuits will also feature.

PE

Stevenage FC coaches will help us develop further on our first half term. Please make sure you have the correct kit. You will need to have your PE kit in school as we may have sessions on other days. PE will usually be on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Art

Year 6 will be introduced to Henry Moore and Caravaggio, with drawings and paintings linked to 'Light and dark'.

Geography & History

In Geography we continue the topic - Extreme Earth. We will be learning about earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis, flooding etc, and considering the damage they cause as well as how safety measures for extreme events have developed.

In History, we will continue studying World War II. This half term though we will explore (using our writing skills) for and against the evacuation of children.

Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns -

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Computing

We will look at communication - including search engines, the different methods of communication with a continual focus of how to be safe online.

Spanish

The children will continue their language learning journey putting into practise all they have learned so far. Using new vocabulary and topics, they will consolidate and strengthen their speaking, listening, reading and writing. There will be a focus on working in groups, sharing strengths and building confidence.

Reading at home

The children are expected to read regularly at home (at least 3 times a week) and a comment should be added to the reading record by the children and initialled by parents. This will be checked by Mrs Quinn on a Friday. PLEASE continue with the reading practise at home as it is so important in all aspects of the curriculum.



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Year 6 SATs take place in the week beginning Monday 12th May 2025. More information will be shared with parents and children as the year goes on.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/04/26/when-are-year-6-sats-2024-key-dates-for-parents-and-pupils/>

HOMEWORK: As the children are moving to Secondary school it is important for them to understand the expectations and therefore we try to support the transition.

There will be a weekly **spellings** words given out and due in on **THURSDAYS**

Reading records need to be completed at least 3x weekly (by the children) and signed by parents - **FRIDAYS**

Children will need to complete **TTrock Stars** weekly - total of 30 mins over the week. There may be **additional tasks** that could be any subject e.g. a history task / a science investigation / research into a geography topic etc. Please ask if you are unsure.

If it is appropriate/suitable for your child you may like them to complete extra work using books such as these. All children will benefit from the revision or extra practice but please make the decision based on what works best for your child and family:

