

Year 6 Newsletter

Summer 1—2025/2026

Reading

This half term, the children will continue to delve into the futuristic world of *Mortal Engines* set against the backdrop of a dystopian world where traction cities hunt, capturing and eat smaller towns. The vibrant characters and ruthless actions will continue to give the children the opportunity to consider the events of the story from different perspectives and make predictions based on the character's motives. In addition to whole class Reading, the children will complete weekly comprehensions support their understanding of unseen texts and further prepare them for their SATs assessments.

Writing

This term, we are diving back into the world of Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom*! Using our prior reading as a springboard, the children will craft their own journey tales. Our primary focus will be mastering the art of impactful dialogue, learning how to make characters come alive and drive the plot forward through what they say (and what they don't). We will also be refining our setting descriptions, encouraging the children to use sophisticated figurative language to transport their readers straight onto the island.

Maths

Our mathematicians have a busy term ahead! We will be exploring the logic of algebra and the relationship between numbers through ratio. Our geometry focus will move to position and direction, while our work in statistics will help us make sense of the world through data. Alongside these new units, we are implementing a structured SATs revision programme. By revisiting key areas from earlier in the year, we aim to boost the children's mathematical fluency and recall ahead of their upcoming assessments.

Key Dates

SATS

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2026

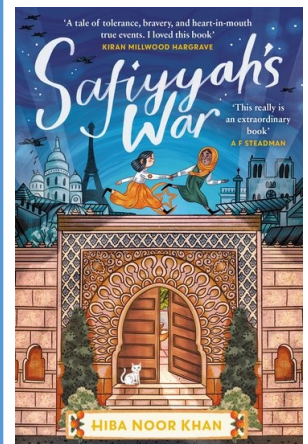
Trip to Chessington

Thursday 21st May 2026

Whole Class Reading Book



Class Read



Suggested Books for Reading



RE

This term, our focus returns to Sikhism as we explore a central big question: *How are sacred teachings and stories interpreted by Sikhs today?* The children will be looking closely at the Guru Granth Sahib, learning why it is treated as a living Guru rather than just a book. We will investigate how its messages of equality, service and devotion translate into the lives of the Sikh community in 2026. We are also working hard to secure a visit from a local Gurdwara to give the children a truly immersive experience of Sikh worship and community so please watch this space for updates!



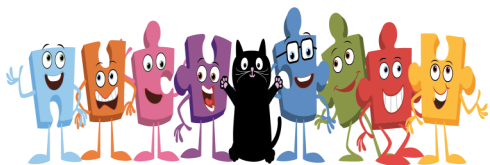
Music

As we look towards the end of the academic year, our Music lessons will take on a very special focus: the Leavers' Assembly. This term, the children will become composers and lyricists as they work together to create an original Leavers' Song. From choosing a meaningful theme to composing the melody and writing the lyrics, the students will be drawing on all the musical skills they have mastered this year. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to express their memories and celebrate their time at school through the power of performance.



PSHE

This half term, children will continue their PSHE unit *Healthy Me*. In this unit, the class will discuss how to make healthy choices to support their physical and mental wellbeing by developing an awareness of different types of drugs and their uses and their effects on the body particularly the liver and heart, that some people can be exploited and made to do things that are against the law and why some people join gangs and the risks this involves. At the end of the unit, we will explore attitudes towards mental health and illness along with recognising the causes of stress and the impact this can have on people's health.



PE

Outdoor - Cricket

As we head outside this term, the children will be picking up the willow for our cricket unit! We will be focusing on the three pillars of the game: batting, bowling, and fielding. The students will develop their hand-eye coordination through striking drills, learn the precision of overarm bowling and practice their agility in the field. From masterclass catching to tactical teamwork, we're looking forward to some competitive and fun matches on the astro!

Indoor - Balance

This term, our indoor PE sessions will focus on the vital skills of balance and agility. The children will be challenged to master static balance (holding steady on one leg) to build core strength and focus. We will then take things up a gear with dynamic balance and agility, practicing controlled jumping and landing. These sessions are designed to help the children develop better body control, coordination and the sticky landings needed for gym-

Supporting Success: SATs Preparation

As we approach next term's Key Stage 2 SATs, our focus is on ensuring every child feels confident and supported. During class, we will be using dedicated time for targeted interventions and student-led revision projects, allowing the children to take ownership of their learning.

To start the assessment days on a positive note, we invite all children to join us in school early for a communal breakfast where children will be able to drop into from 8.15am. This is a wonderful opportunity for the year group to gather in a calm, supportive environment. It provides a safe space to share any worries, enjoy a healthy start to the day and practice the mindfulness and focus strategies we've been working on together. Further details will be shared with parents closer to the time.

Please see a further break down of the dates for each SAT.

Monday 11th May - Grammar and Spellings

Wednesday 13th May - Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1

Tuesday 12th May - Reading

Thursday 14th May - Reasoning Paper 2