



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, the children will learn and write through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts – exploring a change in the atmosphere of the story with a focus on how language choices, sentence structure and grammar will change in order to change the atmosphere. Daily spelling lessons will cover the Year 6 spelling patterns and help children learn these. Our new handwriting lessons will encourage children to join their writing, sizing and spacing letters correctly whilst writing with increasing speed and legibility.	• Aim to hear your child read at least three times a week – please write this in their reading diaries. • Enjoy reading your child a book on a night. Promote a love of reading. • Encourage your child to seize as many writing opportunities as possible—even just writing the shopping list!
Maths	In Maths, the children will focus on consolidating their understanding of the order of operations followed by multiplication and unit conversion. They will explore mental strategies and formal written methods to solve addition, subtraction and multiplication problems.	• Continue to revise times tables up to 12x – songs online are good for this. • Practice addition and subtraction methods at home – ask your child to show you what they can do.
Science	In Science, the focus will be electricity. They will explore the works of Joseph Swan whilst constructing and controlling a series of circuits, describing how the circuit may be affected when changes are made to it.	• Ask your child about what they have learnt in Science. See if they can recall key facts and tell you about the works of Joseph Swan.
Geography	In Geography the children will be looking at physical processes. The children will be able to describe and understand the key aspects of climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle.	• Discuss the areas you may have visited and what physical processes you saw there.
History	In History, the children will carry on being taught about World War Two. This half term we will be focusing on Catterick during WWII and what impact it had on the local area with a focus on evacuees and the Home Guard.	• Discuss World War Two with your child—what have they learnt so far? • See what your child can remember about World War Two.

PE	In PE, we will be focusing on Handball and Tag Rugby. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson. We will be aiming to develop the fundamental skills from each lesson.	• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise.
RE	In RE, pupils will be answering the learning question, 'What would Jesus do?'. Children will be looking into if people Can live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century?	• Discuss different beliefs about God. • Ask your child to talk about what they have learnt.
Latin	The children will continue to learn Latin as their foreign language. This term, the children will learn about the simple past tense.	• Ask your child which new Latin words they have learnt that week.
Computer Science and IT/ Online Safety	In Computing, the children will develop their understanding of webpage creation. We will be refreshing our knowledge on online privacy and security. We will also be looking into the importance of online relationships.	• Discuss with your child what webpages they may like and why. • Encourage your child to think about how webpages are created and for what purpose. • Talk to your child about Online Safety and the rules in your home.
Design Technology	In DT, we are looking at monitoring and controlling electrical systems. The children will explore different electrical systems looking at the materials they are made from, how they are joined together and how they work.	• Ask your child what electrical systems might look like and what their purpose is.
Music	In Music, the children will be looking at Music Technology to create their own soundtrack to chosen images. We will explore film music of composer Danny Elfman, identifying stylistic features such as instrumentation and rhythms.	• Listen and encourage your child to listen to music at home.
Personal, Social and Health Education	In PSHE, your child will look at the topic 'Living in Our World' where they will look and discuss a number of areas relating to respecting others, and being a responsible and contributing citizen.	• Discuss with your child how they can contribute to society.
Virtue	Within school we have 6 virtues: fairness, kindness, bravery, respect, coolness and stickability which are all interwoven through our curriculum and, policies and everyday practice. This half term our virtue is respect.	• Discuss what looks like in day to day scenarios.