

Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English	<p>This term, Year 6 will be using high quality texts and picture books to inspire our writing, including <i>Wolf Brother</i> and <i>The Arrival</i>. Using the stimuli, we will learn, refine and apply grammatical skills including characterised speech, complex sentences and figurative language. In addition, we will be focusing on up levelling our writing and expanding our vocabulary with ambitious words and synonyms. We will write for a range of purposes including a character description, non-chronological report, instructions and narrative.</p>
	<p>Continue adding to your glossary of interesting words and phrases you find. Remember, at Floreat we have a 'magpie wall', which we use to store shiny words that the children like so that they can use them again later. Encourage your children to steal vocabulary that shines!</p>
Writing	<p>Nelson Handwriting Children will have the opportunity to gain a 'Pen Licence' this year. This will be awarded when they demonstrate legible, fluent handwriting with increasing speed. This is also a requirement of the End of Key Stage 2 assessments.</p>
	<p>You can support your child by ensuring that they sit properly on their chair with their feet on the floor, facing the table with a pencil in their writing hand and their other hand on their work. Letters should be of a consistent size. Please ensure that your child completes their home learning in joined up writing and with a sharp pencil.</p>
Reading	<p>Whole Class Reading This term your child will be reading <i>Wolf Brother</i> by Michelle Paver which will support the learning the children will be completing in English. The texts will be used to develop the children's vocabulary; abilities to infer, predict and explain; and the skills of sequencing and summarising a text.</p>
	<p>Please support by correcting spellings while your child is doing their Home Learning. At Floreat, we are direct when giving feedback e.g. a child spells the word 'accident' with an a > accidAnt, we say "In this word the sound is represented with an 'e'."</p> <p>Read with your child as often as possible! Discuss their understanding of the text with them and encourage them to reference the text as they explain. Ask your child to summarise what they are reading.</p>
Mathematics	<p>In Maths this term, Year 6 will consolidate their prior fraction knowledge and then extend by learning how to multiply two fractions and how to divide a fraction by a whole number. Pupils will then develop their knowledge of the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentage. Year 6 will learn to calculate any percentage of a number to solve problems in a range of contexts as well as problems where the percentage is known and the whole is unknown. Year 6 will extend their knowledge of position and direction to include all 4 quadrants. Pupils will also focus on scale factors, ratio and proportional reasoning and statistics.</p>
	<p>Regularly practicing calculations using the 4 operations will also support their confidence and pace in calculating. Pupils are also bringing home CGP books as part of their Home Learning.</p>
Knowledge	<p>Science – In Science, our topic is Electricity. Pupils will learn about circuits and components. History – We will be learning about World War 2. The children will learn about the Battle of Britain, the Holocaust and the Home Front. Geography – This term, the children will be looking at South America. In this unit children will look at the Andes Mountains & Atacama Desert, past civilizations and the Amazon Rainforest. Art – Your child will be learning about William Morris. They will complete a detailed study on William Morris and create a design based on nature, relief reduction printing. Computing – This term, Year 6 will look at variables in games and have an introduction to spreadsheets.</p>

	You can support your child at home by questioning them about the areas we are studying this half-term and encouraging them to read widely around them too. Any additional knowledge that your child brings to the classroom will be duly celebrated!
Character	<p>This half term your child will be focusing on Kindness, Honesty and Caring for Our World. Your child will explore these topics through drama, stories and discussions whilst looking at authentic contexts to analyse and deliberate their approach to them.</p> <p>Music – Year 6 will continue to receive Djembe lessons. These are taught by a professional from Wandsworth Music Services.</p> <p>Spanish - In Spanish, Year 6 will be learning the different school subjects and will be able to communicate the times that they learn these subjects.</p> <p>R.E. – We will continue learning about Buddhism. The children will learn about the 5 precepts; Buddhist places of pilgrimage and their significance; and Vaisakha Pu ja.</p> <p>PSHE – This half term, Year 6 will learn about healthy choices that they can make in different aspects of their lives including physical, nutritional and mental health and friendships.</p>
	In terms of developing your child's character, really question them. For example, this half-term, challenge your child's judgements – make them reason as to why they make the judgements they do and help to illuminate different perspectives.
P.E	<p>This term in PE, the children are learning about Netball and Tennis. In Netball, they will be learning about different positions of a team, attacking and defending scenarios, along with the rules of Netball. In Tennis, the children will be learning how to play singles and doubles, whilst performing all the different shots within a game, alongside the rules of tennis.</p>
	Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their full P.E. kit on their PE day. Children will not be getting changed at school until further notice.

General reminder – Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school every day so that they can play outside come rain or shine. As we know, the weather in England can change very rapidly! All blazers, coats and PE kits must be clearly named.