

Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English	<p>This term, Year 6 will be using high quality texts and animations to inspire our writing, including <i>Road's End</i> and <i>The Man Between Two Towers</i>. Using the stimuli, we will learn, refine and apply grammatical skills including show not tell, sentences for effect and speech to move the action forward. 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 narrative, newspaper report, formal and informal accounts and character and setting descriptions.</p>
	<p>Continue adding to your glossary of interesting words and phrases you find. Encourage pupils to use sophisticated and varied sentence structures within their writing. 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 and analysing a range of poetry such as <i>The Raven</i> by Edgar Allan Poe. The poems 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 continue to consider calculations and how we can adjust and solve them in the most efficient way. Pupils will also take a deeper look into algebra and build confidence in a wide range of their Maths skills ready for Year 7.</p>
	<p>You could help your child by ensuring they are fluent with their number facts and have quick recall of both multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. Regularly practicing calculations using the 4 operations will also support their confidence and pace in calculating.</p>
Knowledge	<p>Science – In Science, the children will continue to focus on reproduction and the similarities and differences in plants and animals. Pupils will also take part in 'Changing Me' week. In this term, children will also be introduced to concept of evolution: the process by which living organisms (plants and mammals) develop and change, over time</p> <p>History – Year 6 will consider 'The History of Human Rights and Equality in Britain' within History lessons this term. Pupils will have an opportunity to apply their knowledge from across the history curriculum to enable them to study this important theme in British and world history. In this unit children will use their knowledge to make connections, think critically, and use evidence to support their judgements.</p> <p>Geography – Year 6 will focus on Globalisation including economic, political and social globalisation. Year 6 will discuss the question 'Globalisation; a global force for good?'</p> <p>Art – In Art lessons this term, pupils will focus on 'Art in the 20th Century – Modernism and Beyond.'</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 & PSHE (Jigsaw)	This half term, Year 6 will be focusing on our character virtues of Self Control and Dignity, Gratitude and Honesty. We will engage in class discussions on these concepts and our certificates will be rewarded to those children who demonstrate consistent practice of these virtues.
	In Jigsaw (PSHE) this term, we will be looking at the topic 'Changing Me'. Year 6 will also focus on moving on to Secondary school. 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.
Music & Drama	Year 6 will be learning, rehearsing and performing our End of Key Stage Production – 'Pirates Of The Curry Bean!'
	You can support your children by ensuring that they are learning their lines, project their confident voices clearly and are also rehearsing the songs for our production.
P.E	Year 6 will take part in cricket and tennis this term. The focus will be gameplay and improving the children's knowledge of how to play matches using the correct rules, whilst including the correct techniques needed for different situations.
	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.
Home Learning	Home Learning will continue to be set on a Friday and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework may be project or research based and will vary from the previous structures. This change in approach is to help pupils prepare for their secondary school homework. Please support your child to take ownership in their time management and personal organisation to return their Home Learning on time. Often the learning in the classroom will relate back to projects or research completed as part of the Home Learning and therefore meeting the deadline is essential.

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.