

History

Our history topic this term is World War II. We will look at key dates, who was involved in the war and why the war began. We will discover all about rationing, evacuees and the different roles both men and women had to take on during the war.

Art/ DT

In Art this term, we will be looking at drawing and developing our sketching skills. We will be exploring the different types of sketching pencils and their qualities to create tones and shading to show facial expressions. We will also be looking at and working in the style of Paul Nash.

In Design and Technology, we will link to our history topic of WWII as we look at rationing. We will be designing and creating our own 'National Loaf'. We will compare it to today's bread and see which is our favourite.

MFL

The children will continue to develop their vocabulary and understanding of the French language by having conversations about themselves, their feelings, describing their physical appearance and personality. We will then go on to look at houses, focusing on the names of rooms as well as being able to describe them.

RE

In RE the children will be focusing on world views with links to them thinking about what it means to live in a religiously diverse world. They will explore their own identity, look into stereotyping and discrimination before focusing in on how different religions celebrate the birth of a new child.

Computing

The children will learn about computing systems and networks. This will include: looking at how the internet works, how information is shared online and using and evaluating technology to communicate.

Music

In Autumn 1, we will be focusing on the dynamics, pitch and texture of music using Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture to support. In Autumn 2, we will be linking learning to our WW2 topic by exploring popular songs from the war including The White Cliffs of Dover by Vera Lynn.

PE

This term, PE will be on a Monday and Friday. Your child will be required to have their PE in school throughout the week. In this term, we will be focusing on dance, fitness, gymnastics and netball.

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Science

In the first half term, we will look at Electricity focusing on how it travels in a circuit. We will look at drawing scientific diagrams using symbols. We will write our own investigation into the effect of adding more bulbs to our circuits.

In the second half term, we will focus on Light. We will learn about how light travels and how shadows are formed as well as what reflection and refraction is.

We will conduct our own experiments throughout the year and look at famous scientists who made an impact in the scientific field we are studying.

Wellbeing/ PSHE

We will continue our Jigsaw scheme of work. This term the children will be learning about Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference. This is helpful for the beginning of a significant year.

Maths

We start the year with place value: in Year 6 our numbers go up to 1, 000, 000. We then move onto the four operations, with a big emphasis on multiplying and dividing. Times tables are key at this stage of your child's maths learning. Then we have a big unit on fractions - a large percentage of KS2 SATs questions are on fractions, so these will be taken step by step. We finish the calendar year on metric and imperial measures, such as miles and kilometers and look at converting between these units.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Friday 26th September 2024

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October 2025

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December 2025

Christmas Production with Reception class

Thursday 11th December 2025

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

English

Reading

We will continue to have whole class reading sessions to further develop our comprehension skills. In Autumn 1, we will be focusing on a text with links to our WWII topic. In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on a book about the Windrush Generation.

Writing

We will be also using some amazing books as the basis of our writing - starting the year with a WWII linked text. We will put our SPaG skills to good use ensuring we apply all of our new learning in a meaningful way.

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Welcome to Year 6

Each year in school offers new challenges, learning opportunities, special memories and times to develop as individuals. We like to spend the first few weeks getting to know each child so we can support them socially and academically for the coming year. As teachers, our job is to provide memorable experiences, a love of learning and to challenge them to achieve their full potential. Year 6 is full of exciting new opportunities but this can come with some understandable nerves. Our main priority is to ensure that your child is supported and happy throughout this school year.

Autumn term

We have an action-packed term planned for the children and attached are some details about the themes we will be focusing on. We are extremely lucky to have an experienced team of adults working together in Year 6 this year. Miss Poland will be your child's class teacher with her PPA (planning and assessment time) on a Wednesday morning. During this time, Mrs. Cox will be teaching the class their Art and RE lessons. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Davies supporting the class this year. Mrs. Clark will be with us all day on Monday, Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning and Mrs. Davies will be in all day Thursday and Friday afternoon.

PE

This term, PE will be on a Monday and Friday. Your child will be required to have their PE in school throughout the week. We are asking you to send your child's indoor PE kit to school in a named bag- these will be kept in the cloakroom and sent home every half term to be washed.

A reminder of our PE kit. We wear navy shorts, a blue school t-shirt and trainers. In the winter, we wear a navy-blue tracksuit. Please remember that earrings and watches will need to be removed for these sessions and long hair securely tied back.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a water bottle. They will be stored on your child's table where it will be easily accessible. Only water, no squash or juice. Once empty, we will refill their bottles using the water machine. Please make sure your child's water bottle is named. Remember to include a healthy snack to keep your child going in the morning - fruit or other healthy, nut-free options only please. Snack will be available each day for your child to order during the morning routine.

Pencil Cases

All day-to-day equipment will be provided by school such as pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers and sharpeners. Therefore, your child will not require a pencil case on their table at all times. However, during art activities, using our creative humanities books or publishing our amazing writing, your child may be allowed to use their own felt tips, colouring pencils or gel pens. They be instructed by the class teacher or support staff if they are allowed to collect them from their bags to use them on their work.

Reading

Reading for pleasure is still something we want to encourage for our older children. We do have a great selection in class and hope that your child will enjoy trying something new and varied for their personal reader. We also read our class novel every day as well as a great mix in our whole class reading sessions. Please continue to read with your child at home. It is a wonderful way for you to spend some quality time with them as well as improving their fluency and understanding of new words.

Homework

Homework will vary between a reading/writing task and a maths task most weeks, with an occasional topic task set where appropriate. Homework will be set on Friday to be returned by the following Friday.

Folders

Your child will need their own **A4 ring binder folder** in class to store their completed practice test papers in throughout the year. They can be any colour or decorated how they wish with their name clearly labelled. These will be stored within classroom and used when required. We do have some spare folders in school if they would prefer to have one of those. Please feel free to send the folders in over the next few weeks in preparation.

Communication

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can send an email to year6@mickletrafford.cheshire.sch.uk, catch a member of staff in the morning or afternoon or catch myself at the end of the school day. We hope that you are looking forward to this year as much as we are!

Thank you,

Miss Poland and the Year 6 Team.