

Design and Technology

In D&T, we will be designing and creating our product based on a given criterion. Our research, design and use of diagrams will be used to improve our design process knowledge and skills.

Art

In Art, we will be focusing on printing and understanding the concept of inverse imagery. We will explore this by looking at the effect of printing using text and how we are required to reverse the letters to print. We will learn about different periods in art and work in the style of cubism to produce a final piece which will include text.

RE

In the spring term, we will focus on what religious and non - religious world views believe about equality, justice and fairness before focusing on Humanist and Christian ideas about science and if their ideas are conflicting or complementary. We will also look into if the Big Bang Theory disproves the Genesis account of creations.

During the second half term, we will continue our learning regarding Sikhism and will be learning all about Gurdwara, the Golden Temple and Guru Granth Sahib.

Computing

The first unit focuses on programming in which we will explore the concept of variables through games in Scratch. From this, we will begin to experiment with variables within pre-made projects before designing and creating their own game with variables to create a simulation of a scoreboard. In the second unit, we will introduce spreadsheets. We will be organising data into columns and rows to create our own data set.

Music

In the Spring term, we will focus on songs from World War 2 by listening and singing to tracks such as 'Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag' and 'We'll Meet Again'. We will then continue the term by looking at film music and composing our own music to match the film genre.

Wellbeing/ PSHE

We will continue our Jigsaw scheme of work. This term the children will be learning about Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

MFL

The children will be focusing on French vocabulary linked to fruits, vegetables and items of clothing. Within our sessions, we will be using our vocabulary to use within sentences both verbally and written.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Return to school-Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 12th January 2026

Explore! Science workshop

Wednesday 28th January 2026

KS2 SATs meeting for parents- 6-7pm

Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th March 2026

Parents' Evening

Monday 30th March 2026

Parent PGL Meeting- 3:30pm

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Spring Term

Geography

Our Geography topic this term will focus on Trade and Economics. We will look at the countries we trade with and where they are situated in the world, what we trade with them and how trading works. We will look at the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water in the context of UK imports and exports as well as having a global focus on Fair Trade.

PE

This term, PE will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Your child will be required to have their PE in school throughout the week. In this term, we will be focusing on indoor athletics, hockey, gymnastics and orienteering.

Maths

We start this new term by introducing the pupils to ratio and algebra. As these topics will be fairly new to the pupils so we will be taking our time to ensure a clear understanding of these topic areas. We will then look at decimals with links to fractions and percentages before ending the term by looking at area, perimeter and volume.

Reading

We will continue to have whole class reading sessions to further develop our comprehension skills. In Spring 1, we will be focusing on a text which looks at the real-life stories of extreme survival. In Spring 2, we will be focusing on a fictional story about a young boy and his fight for survival in the Amazon jungle.

Writing

We will be using some amazing books as the basis of our writing - starting this half term with a classic fiction with a 1st or 3rd person narrative as our writing outcome. In the second half term, we will be writing a journalistic report about Charles Darwin's discoveries to link to our science topic. We will put our SPaG skills to good use ensuring we apply all of our new and previous learning in a meaningful way.

Science

In the first half term, we will focus on living things and their habitats. We will look at classification of animals and plants by exploring their common characteristics. In the second half term, we will look at Evolution. We will focus on fossils and how they are formed, how living things adapt and change over time with a focus of evolution linking through to our writing focus. 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.

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Welcome Back

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 very lucky to be continuing with the same experienced team of adults again this term. Miss Poland will be your child's class teacher with her PPA (planning and assessment time) on a Thursday afternoon. During this time, Mrs. Cox will be talking the class for RE and Art/DT lessons. We are very lucky to have Mrs. Clark supporting us all day on Monday, Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning. Mrs. Davies will support in class all day Thursday and Friday afternoon.

PE

This term, PE will be on a **Tuesday** 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. Earrings and watches should be removed for PE. Please 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.

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.

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 a Friday to be returned by the following Friday.

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.