



Holy Rosary

RC Primary School



Year 6 Parent Guide – Autumn Term

A snapshot of what your child will be learning this term

Our Pathways to Write Texts

Autumn 1



King Kong

by Anthony Browne
King Kong (1933 film)

Children will explore action, suspense, character viewpoints and ideas linked to evolution and inheritance.



Writing outcome:

Fiction: write an action-packed story ending



Greater depth:

write with the viewpoint of one of the characters

Autumn 2



Can We Save the Tiger?

by Martin Jenkins

Children will explore amazing animals, classification and the importance of protecting endangered species.



Writing outcome:

Information, explanation and persuasion: write a hybrid booklet about an amazing animal and a diary recount



Greater depth:

write a Newsround TV-style report about the tiger crisis

In English, children will also develop



expanded noun phrases



passive verbs



modal verbs and adverbs of possibility



linking ideas across paragraphs with cohesive devices



integrating dialogue to advance action



selecting grammar and vocabulary for effect

Autumn Curriculum Overview



Science

- Animals including humans
- Classification of living things including vertebrates and invertebrates



Geography

- Energy and climate change
- renewable and non-renewable sources
- the greenhouse effect



History

- What were the effects of World War II for Britain and its empire?
- 1939AD–1950AD



Art & Design

- Drawing
- 2D drawing to 3D making



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- Food – chefs, food heroes and designing a healthy menu



Maths

- place value
- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- fractions A and B
- converting units

★ Year 6 maths focus:

arithmetic fluency, reasoning and problem solving across all areas.



RE / Personal Development

- respect, responsibility, positive relationships and belonging

How you can help at home



Read regularly and discuss themes, characters and events



Practise arithmetic, times tables and quick number facts



Encourage your child to explain their thinking clearly



Talk about World War II, animals and environmental issues



Support spelling, vocabulary and extended writing at home

Our school values

Faith • Love • Joy • Committed • Belong

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.





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Page 2: Helping Your Child at Home

Simple weekly ideas, useful links and resources to support learning at home



Year 6 home-learning focus: keep reading every day, strengthen arithmetic fluency, build confidence with reasoning and problem solving, practise spelling and vocabulary, and encourage children to explain their thinking clearly.



Our weekly home-learning routine

- 1**
Read together for 10–15 minutes each day
- 2**
Practise spellings, vocabulary and reading aloud little and often
- 3**
Encourage your child to explain their ideas in full sentences
- 4**
Practise arithmetic, times tables, number facts and quick mental maths
- 5**
Talk about science, history, current world issues and the environment

Autumn 1 – Weekly learning and parent activities

- | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 | Week 6 |
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Learning:
King Kong |
Learning:
Action-packed story endings |
Learning:
Animals including humans |
Learning:
World War II |
Learning:
Place value and arithmetic |
Learning:
Energy and climate change |
| Try this at home:
Talk about suspense and describe how a scene could become more dramatic. | Try this at home:
Write or tell an exciting ending from the viewpoint of a character. | Try this at home:
Discuss how diet, exercise and lifestyle affect the human body. | Try this at home:
Explore what life was like for children during the war and share facts together. | Try this at home:
Practise large numbers, rounding and quick-fire arithmetic questions. | Try this at home:
Talk about renewable energy and small choices that help the planet. |

Autumn 2 – Weekly learning and parent activities

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Learning:
Can We Save the Tiger? |
Learning:
Amazing animals booklet and diary |
Learning:
Classification |
Learning:
Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division |
Learning:
Fractions and converting units |
Learning:
Review and secure recall |
| Try this at home:
Discuss endangered animals and why habitats need protecting. | Try this at home:
Research an animal and write key facts or a short diary in role. | Try this at home:
Sort living things into groups and explain the reasons for your choices. | Try this at home:
Use quick questions and reasoning to secure number fluency. | Try this at home:
Practise fractions, measures and real-life maths at home. | Try this at home:
Play a short quiz using spellings, arithmetic and autumn topic knowledge. |

Useful websites and resources

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| Oxford Owl
reading support | BBC Bitesize
videos and activities | Topmarks
Hit the Button and maths games | NRICH
reasoning and challenge tasks | TT Rock Stars
multiplication practice | BookTrust
reading recommendations |
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