



Year 6 - Autumn Term

A very warm welcome back to you all! I hope you have had a fantastic summer, enjoyed the amazing sunshine we've had and made lots of great memories! I am very excited for us to begin a brand-new school year and share your very last year at James Brindley together!

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this year and I know we will have lots of fun along the way! This term I am particularly looking forward to seeing which of you will run to be elected as our new our House Captains this year and who our autumn term prefects will be too!

Key Dates:

3rd September - School reopens

14th September - Parent Welcome Meetings

25th September - European Day of Languages

2nd October - Poetry Slam Competition

w/b 5th October - Black History Focus Week

16th October - Harvest Donations

21st October - Harvest Assembly

23rd October - School closes

3rd November - School reopens

18th December - School Closes

Home Work

- Read 4x per week (planners checked every Monday)
- Children are advised to make use of SpellingShed & TTRS to support their classroom learning each week

PE Reminders

PE sessions will be **Tuesday** and **Thursday afternoons** this half term.

Please ensure children have both their indoor and outdoor kits available for all sessions.

A gentle reminder that earrings and other jewellery, including watches must be removed for PE sessions.

Keep up to date....

Weekly news and photos will be shared on School Spider through a Group Conversation.

Please look out for a notification of these updates.

ENGLISH

In English we will be using a range of texts to develop the children's oracy and storytelling this half-term, including our whole school text 'Mixed' by Arree Chung and the poem anthology 'Midnight Feasts' by A.F. Harrold.

Y6 will also explore formal and informal letter writing using the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt.

Our English lessons will also cover specific areas of SPaG each week.

MATHS

In Maths this term we will be exploring the topic of Number, children will review and develop their understanding of place value and decimals, before we begin to look at the 4 operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

SCIENCE

In Science we will be exploring the units of Animals, including humans and Evolution & Inheritance.

Children will focus on the circulatory system, how our bodies transport nutrients and oxygen and how a person's lifestyle choices can affect our health and how the body functions.

We will then learn how living things have changed over time and how characteristics can be passed from parents to their offspring.

HISTORY

In History, children will be exploring units on 'The British Empire' and 'The Shang Dynasty'. They will be developing their ability to use resources to evaluate, describe and justify their understanding of evidence.

COMPUTING

In computing children will continue to develop their coding skills and apply this to develop, improve and debug programs effectively.

ART

In Art this half term children will be using a combination of drawing, sculpting and graphic design skills to turn 2D design into 3D sculptures. As well as explore identify through art.

PSHE/RE

This half term our PSHE unit will be focused around 'Keeping Safe' and we will be exploring the question 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard' in RE.

Our Curriculum Overview

Home Learning

Spelling:

Children will focus on a key Year 6 spelling rule within class each week.

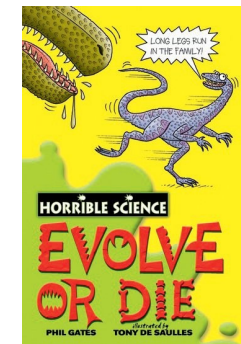
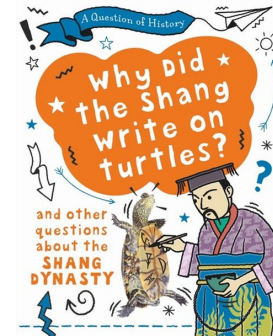
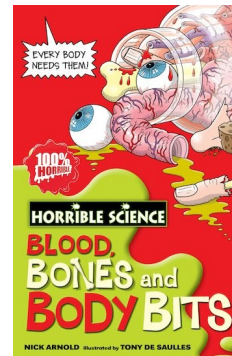
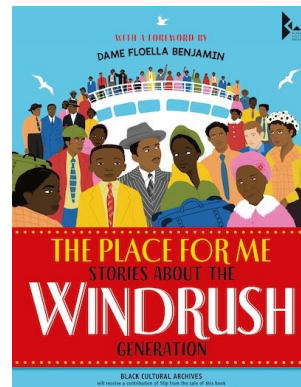
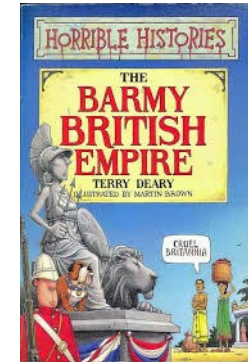
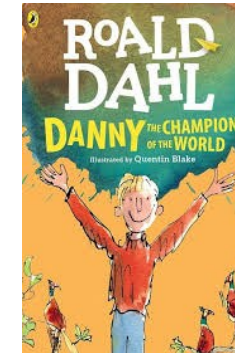
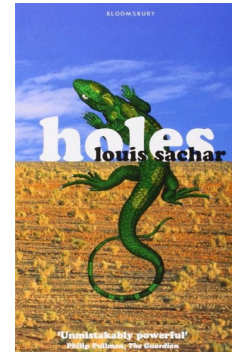
Spellings will be uploaded on to SpellingShed each Friday for children to support their classroom learning at home.

Timestables:

Alongside daily practice in school, children are encouraged to use TTRS to support their learning at home throughout the week.

Reading: Children are expected to read 4 times per week and reading planners will be checked each Friday for evidence of an adult signature of the four reads.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



Online Resources

- Spelling Shed
- Timestable Rock Stars