

Seaham Trinity Primary School



*Curricular Information
for Parents and Carers*

*Year 6
Autumn 2023*

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This term your child will be completing tasks and activities on the following topics.

English	We will cover all aspects of Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing, with additional focus on writing descriptively at length. This term, children will sometimes link their English work to our History topic of WW1, including: biographies of key figures; newspaper reporting; diaries and poetry. We shall also base our writing and comprehension on our class book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Additional focus shall be given to spelling and grammar throughout the term, along with guided and reciprocal reading.
Maths	Across school we follow the CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach to maths. By Year 6 we are mainly focusing on pictorial and abstract questions in preparation for SATs. This term the areas of maths we will be focusing on are: Place value; Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; Fractions and Converting units. Throughout these topics we will be applying our knowledge to SATs style problem solving questions.
History	This term our history topic is World War One and particularly the impact WW1 had on Britain. Our key learning questions are: What were the causes of the First World War? What was life like in the trenches? Which new weapons were used in World War One? Which inventions and discoveries were made during WW1? What was life like on the Home Front? How did the war end? Why and how do we remember?
Science	<u>Animals including humans</u> Children will identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. They will recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their body's function and describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans. They will learn how to keep their bodies healthy and how their bodies might be damaged – including how some drugs and other substances can be harmful to the human body. As scientists, children will conduct investigations to further their scientific knowledge and deepen their understanding of theories and principles. Children will research a prominent scientist from this field.
Computing	During online safety we will be focusing on Media Balance and Wellbeing – Finding my media balance in Autumn 1 and Cyberbullying – Is it cyberbullying? In Autumn 2

	In computer programming, Autumn 1, the children will focus on Computer Systems and Networks, moving onto Creating Media – Web Page Creation in Autumn 2
Geography	<p>In Geography our topic is - Fantastic Forests – Why are they so important?</p> <p>Our key learning questions are:</p> <p>Can you find the connection and find the location?</p> <p>Where are the world's great forests?</p> <p>What forests and woodland do we have in the UK?</p> <p>What can we find in our local forest/woodland?</p> <p>What do forests do?</p> <p>Why is the Amazon Rainforest so important?</p> <p>What are forests in Danger</p> <p>How can we protect our forests in the UK?</p>
Design Technology	The design technology focus this term is – Electrical systems and computing: more complex switches and circuits. The children will control IT/Traffic light system. This links with our science topic – Electricity.
Art	<p>Our Art focus is Drawing. We will be looking at the technique of one point perspective. The children will then apply this to their study of local artist Norman Cornish and his 'Pitmen Painters' commissions.</p> <p>Our Christmas craft focus will be Cross Stitch.</p>
Music	<p>Throughout school we will be using the music resource Charanga to aid out teaching of Music. Our topic is titled Happy Classroom Jazz 2. As in the title, our unit focuses around the Pharrell Williams song Happy from Despicable Me 2.</p> <p>Private music lessons will continue this term:</p> <p>Monday – Guitar with Mr. Charlton</p> <p>Wednesday – Brass with Mr. Hind</p>
PE	In Autumn 1 the children will be learning about invasion games with a focus on Tag Rugby. After half term we will be focusing on Group Dynamics in our Gymnastic unit.
RE	<p>Across the Autumn term the children will learn about religious diversity in their local area. With a focus on Rituals in different religions.</p> <p>At Christmas time the focus will be on what the gospels tell us about the birth of Jesus – studying the gospels according to Luke and John, comparing the similarities and differences in their telling over the birth of Jesus.</p>
PSHE/RSE	<p>The three areas of PSHE we will study this term are as follows:</p> <p>Belonging to a community - valuing diversity; challenging discrimination and stereotypes</p> <p>Families and Friendships - Attraction to others; romantic relationships; civil partnerships and marriage</p> <p>Respecting ourselves and others - Expressing opinions and respecting other points of view, including discussing topical issues</p>

You could help your child at home by:

- Helping and encouraging them to complete homework tasks;
 - Homework grids will be given out on a Friday, every two weeks.
 - The children have one week to complete three of the activities
 - The remaining three must be completed by the following Friday
- Spelling homework will be given out weekly with a spelling rule focus and four of the Year 5/6 statutory spelling words.
- Encourage your child to read at home. We will not be sending home reading records as we reading class with each children every week.

PE Reminder

Y6 PE day is Monday.

We will also be going swimming on a Friday morning.

Behaviour

Respect and Integrity in all we do

Be Ready	Be Reflective	Be Resilient
		
<u>RR Article 28</u> Every child has a right to an education.	<u>RR Article 3</u> The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decision and actions that affect children	<u>RR Article 29</u> Education must develop the child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

Thank you for your support.