

Rucstall
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Willow Class

Autumn Term
Information



Welcome to Year Six!

We hope the children had a good break and are ready for a new year of learning!

During the first few weeks, we will focus on settling the children back into school and ensuring that they have the skills and knowledge required to be successful in Year Six.

Working with us

The education of your child is a joint venture between home and school. We encourage parents/carers to become fully involved in their children's learning and also in the life of the school. We very much hope that you will feel part of our school community and you will be able to liaise with your class teacher if you have any concerns, problems or questions.

The Rucstall Primary School Team are keen to work with you to support your children and encourage you to speak with us regularly. During the mornings, our teachers are busy preparing for lessons or supervising children so are not available first thing, however parents are able to leave messages with the office team. After school, teachers are available for short face-to-face conversations and can also arrange telephone appointments at a mutually convenient time.

General reminders

>Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school each day which is filled with fresh water. A reminder, like the vast majority of schools, juice and squash are not permitted in the classroom.

>Please ensure all of your child's clothing is labelled. All named clothing will be returned instantly as we do not store 'lost property.'

>Please do not send your child in with pencil cases or stationery. We provide all the necessary equipment as we do not have large enough trays for pencil cases.

>Long hair must be tied up (past the shoulder). If earrings are worn they should be taken out for PE. If ears are newly pierced, please provide tape to cover the earrings until such a time as they can be removed. Only studs, plain gold or silver, should be worn. The only other item of jewellery permitted in school is a wrist watch.

PE Kit

Children should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday.

-White T-shirt (round neck)

-Black shorts

-Plain black trainers

-Rucstall fleece with logo or school jumper

Items should not have branded logos.

Supporting your child with home learning



Reading

Children should read a minimum of four times a week (ideally 5 or more!) and record it in their reading record.

Children change their books when they complete them. They are encouraged to read just one book at a time, particularly fiction, to help them follow a story.

Children read at different rates and depending on what they are reading. In addition to children changing their books as required, they can do so at break and lunchtimes independently in the library. Parents can also visit the library after school on Mondays and Fridays to borrow additional literature or make book changes more frequently with their child.

Spelling

Children should complete their set assignments on Spelling Shed:
<https://play.edshed.co/login>.

This is available on the internet and as an app. Spellings are linked to your child's spelling age. Additional games may be completed after the set assignments.

Mathematics

Children should spend a minimum of 10 minutes each week on TTRockstars:
<https://ttrackstars.com/login> unless they have achieved their Rock Hero certificate in school.

Wider Curriculum

From time to time your child will be sent home flash cards containing 'Rucstall Words'. Please help your child to learn these.

Revision Workbooks and Online Learning

The children will be directed to their Year Six workbooks and online maths learning each week by their class teacher. Parents have commented previously how they have found this a good preparation for their child starting secondary school. Children revisit learning in these books, so they should be able to complete this with low levels of support at home.

Year Group	Autumn Term			Spring Term			Summer Term		
	Reading	Numbots / TTRS	Spelling Shed	Reading	Numbots / TTRS	Spelling Shed	Reading	Numbots / TTRS	Spelling Shed
6	Minimum 4 reads	Teacher Managed	10 games	Minimum 4 reads	Teacher Managed	10 games	Minimum 4 reads	Teacher Managed	10 games

Year 6 also have additional English and Maths home learning which is checked and stamped on a weekly basis.

NB: With apps, please remember to update them regularly through your app store.

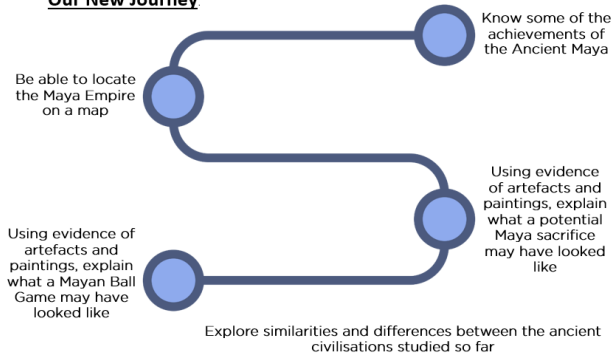
Our Curriculum for this term

History

The Mayans

How has the Mayan civilisation helped to influence the world?

Our New Journey



Sticky Knowledge:

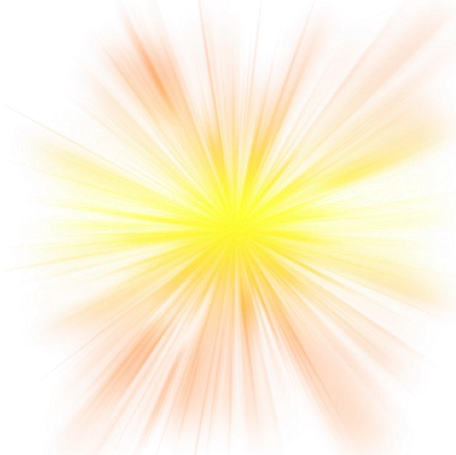
- Know about the impact that the Mayan civilisation had on the world
- Know how to place features of historical events and people from the past societies and periods in chronological framework
- Know the Maya people civilization developed in the south-east area of Mesoamerica
- Know the Maya community started around 2000 BC

Rucstall Words:

Collapsed, Ritual, Maize, Sacrifice

Science

Light



Sticky Knowledge:

- Know that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes
- Know why shadows form
- Know the meaning of transparent, translucent, reflective and opaque
- Know that light appears to travel in straight lines
- Know about how the eye responds to light

Rucstall Words:

Transparent, Translucent, Opaque

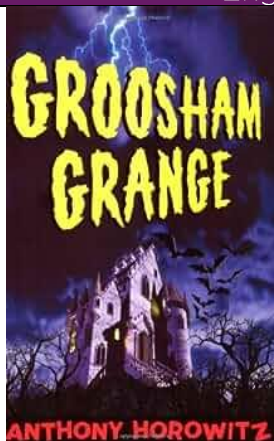
English

DRACULA

BRAM STOKER



Retold by Chaz Brenchley
Illustrated by Vanessa Lubach



ANTHONY HOROWITZ

In Reading lessons we will be studying Dracula and Groosham Grange. In Writing, we will be following this theme of horror by writing horror stories and diary entries.

Mathematics

Initially, the children will recap place value, the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and fractions. The children will be developing their understanding of these domains with a greater emphasis on reasoning and problem solving.

Other Subjects

Religious Education	Our learning begins with looking at belonging in Islam, with a key focus of Shahada and Salat. In Autumn 2, we will learning about incarnation in Christianity
Art and Design Technology	Our Art unit this term is textiles (weaving). We will be looking at the work of Guatemalan and Mayan crafts people and creating a woven product replicating their styles. After half term in DT, we will be moving onto wooden shelter building.
Computing	Programming will be our computing unit this term. Using Scratch, we will design, write and debug programs.
Physical Education	Our indoor PE unit is dance for the first half term followed by gymnastics. For outdoor PE, we will be focusing on tag rugby and, after half term, netball.
Music	In music, we will be continuing our learning on how to play the Ukulele
Personal, Social and Health Education	This term the children will be looking at feelings, our Rucstall values, friendships and family life.
French	For the first half term, we will be looking at the world around us. After half term we will be focusing on telling the time.