Year 6 Curriculum Information – Spring Term 1 2024

English	Maths	Science	Other curriculum areas
Preading: Reading is taught through daily reading opportunities: reading within English and other subject lessons; story-time and whole class reading lessons. These follow a regular sequence using the same passage of text over a week, enabling regular opportunities to hear, echo and practise fluent reading. Focus areas include decoding, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension. Children will read an exciting range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry this term, including <i>The Island</i> by Armin Greder. Writing: Our writing curriculum will focus on: • Engaging with a wide range of high-quality texts to support and develop writing across a variety of genres; • Planning, drafting, writing, evaluating and editing; • Using the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters; • Increasing legibility, consistency and quality of handwriting. Main writing outcomes include: • Fiction: a sequel to our text; letter writing in role; a narrative for a younger audience • Non-fiction: news reports Grammar and punctuation: Spelling Shed's SPAG Scheme is used to support learning in school and at home, with specific focus for the year on the following: Sentence structure: • Using cohesive devices to link ideas across paragraphs • Layout devices such as headings, columns, bullets points and tables Punctuation: • Semi-colon, colon and dash, including use of colon to introduce a list and	IVIALTIS Key maths concepts, arithmetic and reasoning skills are developed throughout all maths lessons. White Rose resources are used to support progression. Children are also expected to develop their recall and application of number bonds and times tables (up to x12) by the end of year 4. Key instant recall facts (KIRFS) and times table challenges are used to reinforce maths fluency. In year 6, children will cover: Number: ratio • Use ratio language; ratio and fractions; introducing ratio symbol; calculating ratio; using scale factors; ratio and proportion problems Number: Algebra • Finding rules (one step & two step) • Forming expressions • Substitution • Forming equations • Solve simple 1-step equations • Solve 2-step equations • Find pairs of values Number: Decimals • Place value within 1 – integers and decimals • Multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1000 • Multiply and divide decimals by	Scientific skills and concepts are embedded and developed in all science lessons and through a range of enquiry types. Children will also explore the following: Evolution and inheritance: • Understanding how characteristics are passed from one generation to the next and how species have adapted to suit their environments • Explaining the process of natural selection • Understanding how the process of evolution has developed over time, thanks to the work of scientists and palaeontologists	 Other curriculum areas Computing: Digital e-books. Creating a digital book using media from different sources Continuing to develop and embed online safety skills Art: Improving mastery in digital art, including: Pixel art, Sound art, Negative space and abstract art History – WW2: Reasons for the outbreak of war in 1939 The reasons for, and experiences of, evacuation looking at primary sources of evidence Life on the Home Front Physical education: Divided court games: badminton, tennis, dodgeball and benchball Invasion games: netball Music: Focus on music eras: The modern era – how styles are evolving PSHE: Dreams and Goals: aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this Religion and Worldviews: Children will consider the concepts of justice and freedom and explore how these are connected to human rights and various religions Spanish: The weather: to describe the weather in Spanish, compass points, map work (cultural knowledge). Can they present a
 What parents can do at home to help: Check your child completes the weekly home learning tasks set by the class teacher. Listen to your child read daily and update their Reading Record. Remind your child to learn and practise their spellings regularly and to use Spelling Shed's on-line games to help practise tricky words too. Look out for half-termly maths key instant recall facts (KIRFS) and practise regularly. Help develop your child's fluency in their times tables up to 12, and associated division facts. Use Times Tables Rock Stars regularly for support. 	integers Links to support learning and well Please ensure your child accesses all their home regularly. Any technical issues, plea and for curriculum issues, contact your chi specific class name, to <i>classname</i> @trafalg • E-school: J2e • Maths: Times Tables Rock Stars • English: Spelling Shed, Bug Club • General: BBC Bitesize • Wellbeing: Access the Wellbeing tile th	school on-line learning accounts from se contact ICT @trafalgarfederation.org.uk ild's class teacher directly, using their arfederation.org.uk.	 weather forecast pretending to be on TV? Trips, visits and dates for your diary: Term: Tuesday, 9th January – Thursday, 28th March 2024 Half term: Monday, 12th February – Friday, 16th February 2024 Imperial War Museum visit: 1st February (year group) WWII Evacuee Day: 22nd February (in school) Kew Archives visits: 11th January for 6AW and 6D AND 18th January for 6S