

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back. We hope you have had a restful half term break.  
Here is our curriculum map for our topic leading up to Christmas.  
Our PE days continue to be a Monday and Friday, so please ensure children come to school in kit on those days.  
Best wishes,  
The Year 6 Team

### As Readers and Writers we will be...

Continuing to focus on reading comprehension skills, particularly inference from a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, including poetry.  
Our class novel will be Holes by Louis Sachar. Each week we will be studying the themes that come up throughout the book.  
We will write an explanation text, a recount of our visit to the warning zone and a character description.

### As Mathematicians we will be learning about...

Multiplication & Division  
Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

### As musicians, we will...

Explore and play a piece of jazz music.

## What's so special about the USA?

### How would Carl Linnaeus classify you?

#### As Geographers we will be able to...

Locate physical characteristics and settlements on a map.  
Understand physical processes.  
Compare a region of USA with the UK.  
Understand how climate extremes effect the lives of people.  
Explain the effects of commercial and industrial activity on the environment.

#### As Scientists we will be able to...

Describe how living things are classified in broad groups according to common observable characteristics - based on similarities and differences including: microorganisms, plants and animals.  
Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

#### As technicians, we will...

Learn how to use the programming software 'Python'.

#### Sticky words for this term:

topography	classify
drought	domain
agricultural	organism
erosion	microorganism
range	vertebrate
injustice	invertebrate
converge	patriotic
democratic	independence
segregation	

#### In Religious Education we will...

Celebrate differences.

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Follow the Leicester agreed syllabus and explore:  
'How does faith help us when life gets hard?'

#### As Athletes, we will learn how to...

In football, children will improve their defending and attacking play.  
In gymnastics, children will use their knowledge of variations in speed, levels and direction to combine and link actions. Children will also learn how to relate to partners and apparatus to develop sequences of movements.