Year 6 Autumn 2025

It has been a busy start but the Year 6 team are really excited about the new school year. We hope that the children are now feeling settled and are ready for the exciting year ahead!

This term much of our learning will be linked to the history theme of 'Crime and Punishment.' In our history sessions, we will learn about how crime and punishment has changed over the past 800 years from Medieval Britain all the way to Modern Society. In geography, the children will be learning about global trade.

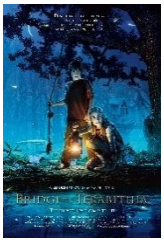
Our science topics include 'Electricity' where the children will learn about important scientific discoveries linked to electricity and 'Animals, including Humans' where they will learn about the circulatory system. In design technology, the children will be drawing upon their sewing skills to design and make a shopping bag. In computing, they will be learning how to create a webpage. In art, they will be turning a 2D drawing into a 3D model. In P.E, the children will dance, play basketball, tag rugby and perform gymnastic routines.

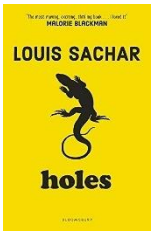
English

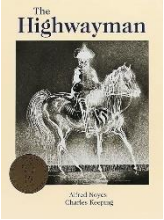
In English this year, we will be using CUSP (Curriculum with Unity Schools Partnership) units of work to extend the children's knowledge and enjoyment of a range of genres. This term our focus will be letters, discursive writing, first person stories with a moral, narratives and explanations.

Reading

During our guided reading sessions, the children will be taking part in whole class reading activities. Over the term, each class will read 'The Bridge to Terabithia' by Katherine Paterson, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes.







Homework

Spelling

We are now following the CUSP scheme of work for spelling in lessons. This involves three 15-minute sessions each week with morning work to consolidate this learning. There will be no spelling homework/spelling lists sent home.

Times Table Rockstars

It is incredibly important that the children are fluent with all the multiplication facts. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables for 10-15 minutes a day.

Reading

We are also encouraging children to read on a regular basis (25 minutes per day). Your child will have received their new ZPD and this year we are continuing with reading targets which are linked to Accelerated Reader. This 'points target' is personalised to your child and is linked to their reading ability. When your child has read a book, they are able to complete a quiz, and this allows them to earn points. Each half term, there will be one year group winner and they will receive a book of their choice. We are continuing with our 'reading for pleasure' sessions in school but these are in addition to reading at home.

Mathematics

During the Autumn term, we will revisit key mathematical knowledge and skills such as place value and the four operations before moving onto fractions and decimals. We will also develop the children's confidence in mental arithmetic and problem solving throughout the term.

We ask that you do not use any of the previous SATs papers with your children as these will be used in school for practise and assessment purposes.

SATs

According to the latest government guidance, KS2 SATs will take place in the week beginning Monday 11th May 2026. Children will sit the Key Stage 2 SATs tests in Reading, SPAG and Maths. Writing in ***all subjects*** *will be assessed by class teachers throughout the academic year. Please note our work towards the end of Key Stage 2 assessments is* ***ongoing from September****, however our primary focus will be that children settle back into school before any mention of SATs!*

PE lessons

Monday afternoon – indoor PE.

Thursday morning – outdoor PE.

On PE days, children should continue to come to school wearing their white PE top along with their PE shorts or black/navy/grey jogging bottoms (dependent on the weather) and their school jumper. They should wear their normal school shoes and bring suitable P.E footwear to change into. Long hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. If your child cannot take part in a PE session, they must have a signed note from home.

Appropriate clothing

Please can you ensure your child is coming to school appropriately dressed. As the weather becomes cooler, they will need a coat for break times. During the cold weather, children may wear an extra layer of clothing, but their red school jumper or cardigan must be their top layer.

Trips

This term, there are lots of exciting trip opportunities.

17th – 19th September

Many children will be going to Manor Adventure in Norfolk for the Year 6 residential. Information can be found the Year 6 page of the school website and there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to ask any questions during the 'Meet the Teacher' session.

4th/6th November -The Hold

During our visit to The Hold, the children will have the opportunity to study historical sources, maps, directories and census records, taking a hands-on approach in the education room. The Hold provides lots of activities that will immerse the children in how Crime and Punishment was dealt with in Ipswich in the past as well as showing them how professional historians and archivists' work. This programme has been curated especially for Broke Hall children, making it a truly bespoke experience.

More information regarding payment and dates/timings for The Hold will be sent out towards the beginning of October.

We hope that all the children in Year 6 enjoy their last year at Broke Hall School.

Throughout the year, we understand that you may have queries that you wish to discuss.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, we ask that you see them after school. Alternatively, please send an email to the school front office.