



Year 6 Newsletter

Upton Junior School

This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme for Term 2. Further detail about the curriculum can be found on our website or on MCAS.

DATES

Date:	Activity:	Year/Class:
01/11/21	INSET DAY—School Closed to all Pupils	Whole School
02/11/21	School opens to all pupils 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School
11/11/21	Armistice Day—children can wear service uniforms (cubs, Brownies etc)	Whole School
11/11/21	Year 6 Stunning Start - Fun at the Fair Topic	Year 6
15/11/21	Odd Sock Day—no donation, just funky socks!	Whole School
19/11/21	Children in Need - spotty non-uniform day £1 donation	Whole School
30/11/21	Open Day see our website for more details	Year 2 Parents
01/12/21	Open Day see our website for more details	Year 2 Parents
03/12/21	Elf Day for Alzheimer's Society (more to follow)	Whole School
07/12/21	Children's Flu Vaccines	Whole School
09/12/21	Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner	Year 4 & Year 6
13/12/21	School to Holy Trinity Church	Whole School
14/12/21	Year 4 and Year 6 Panto Trip	Year 4 & Year 6
16/12/21	Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Party	Year 4 & Year 6
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
17/12/21	End of Term 2 school closes at 2:15 pm	Whole School
START OF TERM 3		
04/01/22	INSET day: School closed to all pupils	Whole School
05/01/22	School opens to all pupils from 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School

TOPIC FOR TERM 2

PSHE

The children will explore: Friendship, Resilience, Healthy body, Healthy Mind, Staying Safe and Respect. The first week will make links to our Core Values and British Values whilst covering e safety too.

Fun at The Fair

During Term 2 our Year 6 classes will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Fun at the Fair'. Some of the objectives we will be covering include Science: Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit, History: the History of Fairgrounds and circuses and how they have evolved. In D & T we will create a fairground ride.





ACROSS THE CURRICULUM



Music - Term 2 6B and 6G

At Upton we teach the National Curriculum for Music through the focus of a different instrument each year.

Year 6 - In Year 6 the children will be learning the Keyboard.

For all lessons, instruments are provided by the school but are not allowed to be taken home.

Computing - Term 2 6R and 6Y

Using Upton's own resources, the children develop their skills using a "flipped" teaching model. The children access resources, whether it is images, videos or written examples and learn what they need to know to complete the different milestones of the task. The unit is designed to help children in continuing to develop their skills in writing their own algorithms as well as editing and debugging existing codes. New skills are introduced to structure code and animate characters and scenes, gradually building to create a short animated story.

PE and Swimming

All classes will have PE in Term 2

PE and Sport: PE takes place every **Tuesday**, children will need to come in wearing their outdoor PE kits which they can stay in for the day. A reminder that children can wear dark blue/black tracksuits (no large logos) as the weather turns colder.

6B & 6G will have Swimming in Term 2

Swimming: Lessons will be on a **Monday (children to come wearing uniform)**. Children will need to bring their swimming kit, swimming costume (full swimsuit for girls and fitted shorts for boys), swimming hat, goggles and towel in a bag. Please ensure all items are named.

All children must have outdoor shoes in their lockers.

Modern Foreign Languages

After a short revision of greetings, numbers and family members, the children will move on to learn how to ask and answer the questions "Where do you live?" and "What are you buying?". As well as learning new vocabulary, the children are now learning more complex grammar as they form ques-

tions and use adjectives and negatives. This term's Chinese characters are China 中国, Beijing 北京, chocolate 巧克力, to buy 买, not 不 and new 新.

RE

Year 6 will be learning about Hinduism. They will understand that Hindus see God in different forms, explore how Krishna is represented in Hindu stories and explore Hindu teachings.

ENGLISH

At Upton we believe that reading should truly be at the heart of the English curriculum. Through reading, pupils learn how to write and apply spelling, punctuation and grammar conventions.

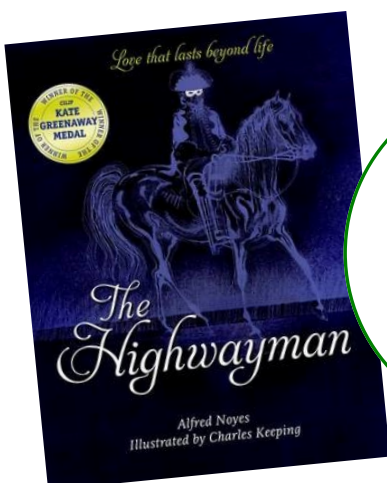
Reading is a pillar of our civilization, present in every facet of society, and pupils who read well will ultimately have greater access to our textually rich world. Generating a long-lasting love of books and affinity with quality texts is key to an inclusive and inspiring English Curriculum. With this in mind, we have adopted a 'Text-Based Curriculum', where all aspects of English teaching and learning revolve around a chosen text.

The books we will be reading in our English lessons in Term 2 are:



Leon and his brothers and sister go to a magic show, but this is no ordinary show and Abdul Kazam is no ordinary magician.

LEON AND THE PLACE
BETWEEN BY
GRAHAME BAKER-
SMITH

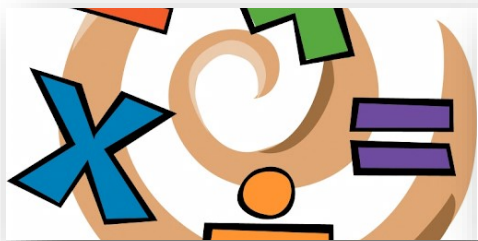


THE HIGHWAYMAN BY
ALFRED NOYES



*“I'll come to thee by
moonlight,
though hell should bar the
way.”*

— Alfred Noyes, *The Highwayman*



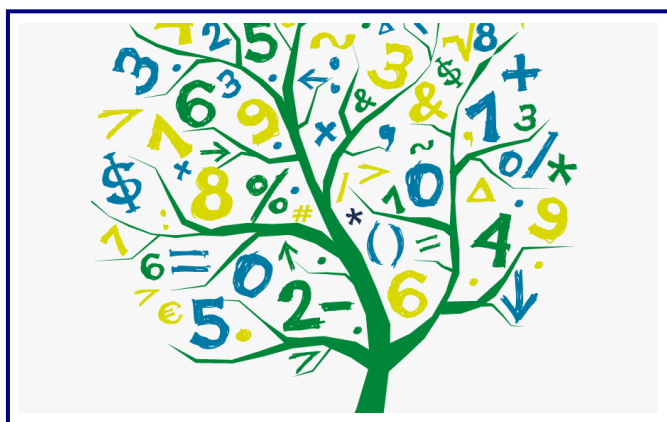
MATHS

Position and Direction

- Describe positions on the first quadrant
- Co ordinates
- Reflection
- Translation

Fractions

- To use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination.
- To compare and order fractions, including fractions > 1 Generate and describe linear number sequences (with fractions)
- To add and subtract fractions with different denominations and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions.
- To multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form.
- To divide proper fractions by whole numbers.
- To associate a fraction with division and calculate decimal fraction equivalents for a simple fraction.



Math Teaches us that there is every reason to believe that every problem has a solution.

Home Learning

Please continue to encourage your child to undertake regular practice of multiplication facts (at least three times a week) as part of their homework on the website Times Tables Rockstars.



We ask that children read a minimum of three times a week and that you send your child's reading record into school daily. Please return any finished books on a FRIDAY. New reading books are allocated on a MONDAY.



READING

Minimum three times a week. Reading record must be signed by an adult.

Reading can be completed on your own or with your parents.



CROSS CURRICULAR

Once a week - set on Friday, handed in on Wednesday.

Task will be uploaded onto the class blog on the Upton Website every week.

Task to be completed in exercise book and can be completed in any way children like - be creative!

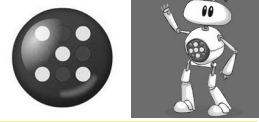


TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Minimum three times a week.

Can be completed on tablets, laptops or mobile phones though the app or the website.

Login details available in MCAS app under 'Reports' tab.



MYMATHS

Once a week - Friday to Friday.

Tasks will be completed online, with new tasks set every week.

Tasks will always follow the subjects being taught in class that week.



SPELLING SHED

Once a week - Friday to Friday.

Tasks will be completed online, with new tasks set every week.

Tasks will always follow the spellings being taught in class that week.

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One Childhood One Chance