

Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English	<p>This term, Year 6 will be using high quality texts and animations to inspire our writing – these include <i>Dracula’s Abbey</i> and <i>Road’s End</i>. Using the stimuli, we will learn, refine and apply grammatical skills learnt throughout Key Stage 2. In addition, we will be focusing on up-levelling our writing and expanding our vocabulary with ambitious words and synonyms. We will write for a range of purposes including a setting description, eye-witness report, narrative and persuasive advert.</p>
	<p>Whole Class Reading This term your child will be reading <i>Who Let the Gods Out?</i> by Maz Evans which will support the learning the children will be completing in English. The texts will be used to develop the children’s vocabulary; abilities to infer, predict and explain; and the skills of sequencing and summarising a text.</p>
	<p>Continue adding to your glossary of interesting words and phrases you find. Encourage pupils to use sophisticated and varied sentence structures within their writing. Remember, at Floreat we have a ‘magpie wall’, which we use to store shiny words that the children like so that they can use them again later. Encourage your children to steal vocabulary that shines!</p>
Writing	<p>Nelson Handwriting Children will have the opportunity to gain a ‘Pen Licence’ this year. This will be awarded when they demonstrate legible, fluent handwriting with increasing speed. This is also a requirement of the End of Key Stage 2 assessments. Pupils must take care with their letter and number formation to ensure accuracy.</p>
	<p>You can support your child by ensuring that they sit properly on their chair with their feet on the floor, facing the table with a pencil in their writing hand and their other hand on their work. Letters should be of a consistent size. Please ensure that your child completes their home learning in joined up writing and with a sharp pencil.</p>
Mathematics	<p>In Maths this term, Year 6 will continue to consider calculations and how we can adjust and solve them in the most efficient way. Pupils will also take a deeper look into algebra and build confidence in a wide range of their Maths skills ready for Year 7.</p>
	<p>You could help your child by ensuring they are fluent with their number facts and have quick recall of both multiplication and division facts up to 12x2. Regularly practicing calculations using the 4 operations will also support their confidence and pace in calculating.</p>
Knowledge	<p>Science – Pupils will be studying Reproduction and know about life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. This will also link with their PSHE ‘Changing Me’ focus.</p>
	<p>History – The focus will be ‘The History of Human Rights and Equality in Britain’. This unit will bring together their History learning through KS2 and also link with their Geography topic.</p>
	<p>Geography –Pupils will focus on ‘Globalisation’ during Geography this term. They will understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time. Art – Pupil’s will study Art in the 20th Century. They will engage with the Modernists (and beyond!), creating artworks inspired by such artists as Picasso and Freud.</p>
<p>You can support your child at home by questioning them about the areas we are studying this half-term and encouraging them to read widely around them too. Any additional knowledge that your child brings to the classroom will be duly celebrated!</p>	
Character	<p>Character – This half term, Year 6 will be focusing on our character virtues of Fairness, Gratitude. We will engage in class discussions on these concepts and our certificates will be rewarded to those children who demonstrate consistent practice of these virtues. PSHE – In Jigsaw (PSHE) this term, we will be looking at the topic ‘Changing Me’. Year 6 will also focus on moving on to Secondary school. Music/Drama –Pupils will continue to learn songs and see the script for our end of year production. Spanish – Year 6 will focus on how knowledge of the Spanish Language is useful in the world we live in.</p>

	<p>Computing – Year 6 will continue learning about data and spreadsheets before creating 3-D models and thinking about how to programme movement.</p>
	<p>In terms of developing your child's character, really question them. For example, this half-term, challenge your child's judgements – make them reason as to why they make the judgements they do and help to illuminate different perspectives.</p>
P.E	<p>The children will be learning about Cricket. During this, they will have the opportunity to learn about all areas and positions within the game: Batting, Bowling, Fielding. We will be learning how to bat with accuracy and power. Bowl with speed & control with the correct technique. Field using our initiative & creativity, looking at different catching types. At the end of every lesson, the children will take part in different cricket games, which focus on the skills, whilst also reinforcing our sporting values and teamwork rules</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their full P.E. kit on their PE day. Children will not be getting changed at school until further notice.</p>

General reminder – Please ensure that your child has weather appropriate clothing in school each day. Pupils need to be able to apply their SPF independently and should apply this before school. All belongings must be clearly named.