



# Woolden Hill Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter 2025 - Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Mr Brown, Miss Robinson and Mrs Mayes hope that you had a lovely Christmas and a great start to 2024. If you have any questions about the Spring Term, please feel free to talk to the members of staff.

This term's topic is called Discovery and Exploration. As part of this amazing topic, the children will have the chance to learn about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica as well as Charles Darwin and his theory of Evolution.

The fun continues in the following weeks as the children will be taking part in lots of different types of learning about World Discovery and Exploration including Art, Science and Geography!

At this time of the year, the weather can be very changeable so please ensure your child comes to school with jumpers and coats to keep them warm. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name so, if it is left on the playground, it should hopefully find their way back to your child!

Can I also remind all children to bring a water bottle and a breaktime snack, especially on PE days. It is really important that children keep hydrated throughout the day and having that breaktime snack can help them feel energised throughout the morning.

Below is some general information to support you and your child this term.

The staff working in Year Six!





1 - Mr Brown

## General Information



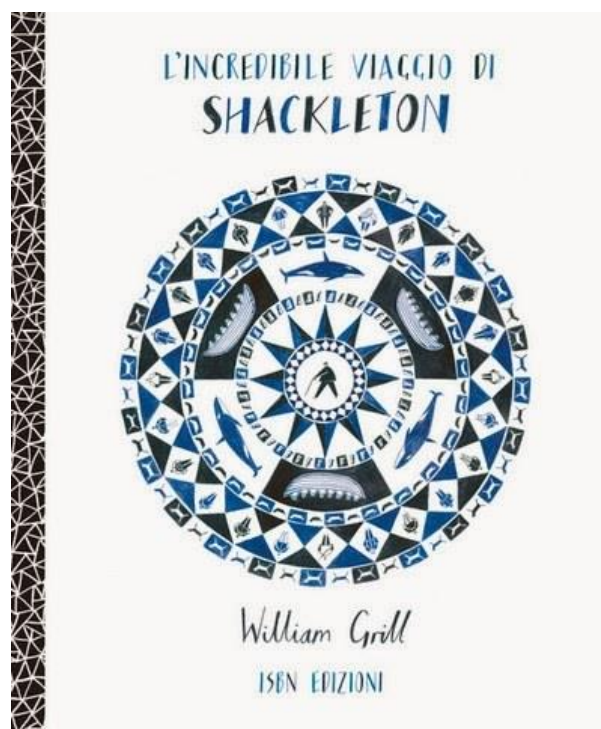
### Here is some general information about Year 6:

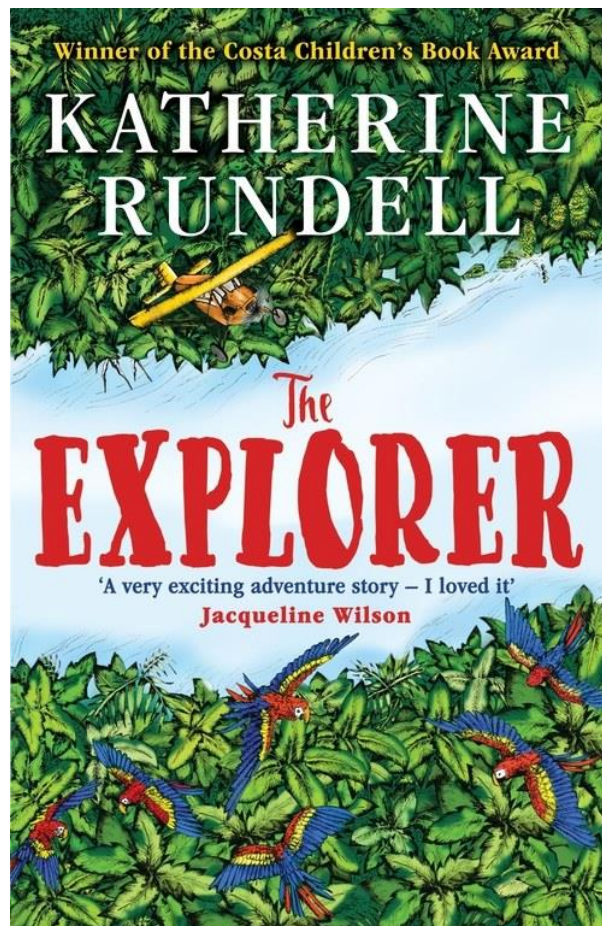
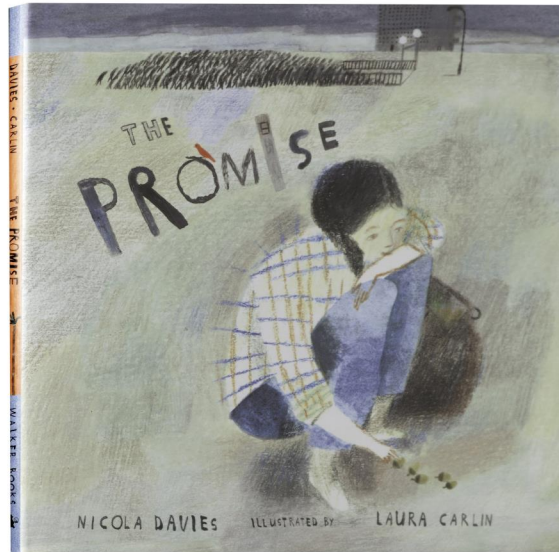
- Homework will be given **every Friday** and should be returned to school by the **following Friday**.
- Please record any reading your child does at home in their diaries. We aim to change books weekly but if books need changing before then, please speak to a member of staff.
- It is important to hear your child read on a regularly basis, to develop fluency and comprehensions skills . Reading a book several times really helps with the fluency. If there are particular words they get stuck on, write them down and use them to play snap or memory games etc.
- Further guidance to help you in supporting your child's reading will be provided throughout the term.
- Children will need to bring a **named water bottle** into school. No juice or fizzy drinks.
- **PE days** will be on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Your child will need **two** PE kits, these will need to include, **Outdoor**: Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing, as he/she will go out in all weathers, **tracksuit bottoms, jumper, t-shirt and trainers**. **Indoor: t-shirt, shorts and pumps**. Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are **named**. **Please note**: Children with long hair must have their hair tied back at all times during the school day and all earrings must be removed before the children come to school on a PE day. Thank you.
- The children will have a personal locker to keep all their belongings in and a drawer in class.
- Children will be provided with a pencil case and stationary, they do not need to bring their own equipment into school.

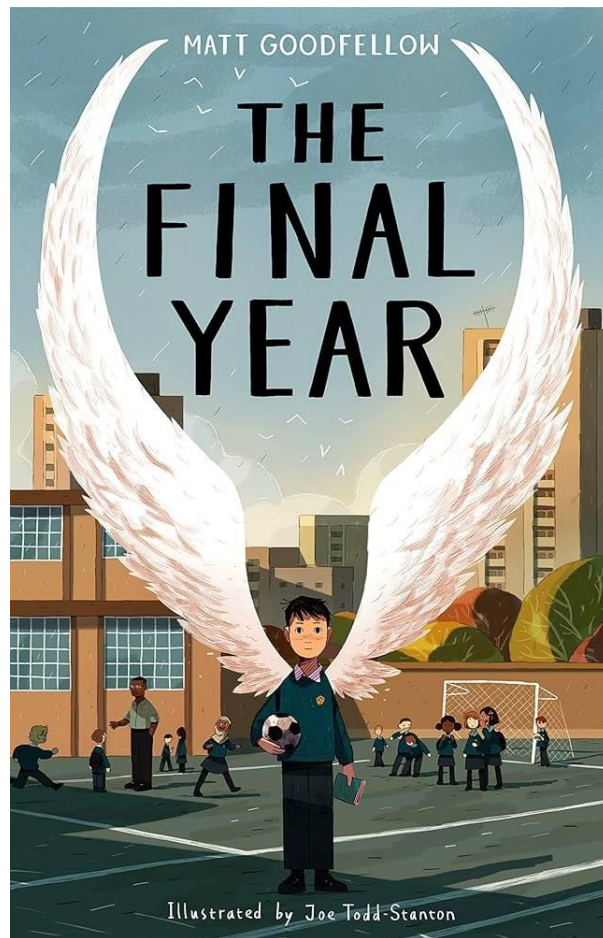
## English



As writers, the children will look at a range of texts linked Discovery and Exploration. The children will start by writing a diary on WW2 linked to evacuees using texts 'Lion and The Unicorn' and 'Rose Blanche'. We will then look at journalistic Articles linked to 'Shackleton's Journey'; writing our own biography's about Charles Darwin.







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## **Reading**

**As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice.**

**He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small. Except, it seems, someone has been there before them...**

As readers, the children will first read the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. The book links nicely to our topic this term. It is about a group of children who must survive in the Amazon Rainforest after their plane crashes. I wonder what might happen?



## Maths



As mathematicians, the children will start the term learning about ratio. Then, we will look at algebra, converting units and perimeter, area and volume. We will then finish off the busy term by learning about ratio. Every Friday, the children will also be continuing to challenge themselves to improve their arithmetic scores which we did brilliantly last term! As well as this, Year Six will continue to use TTRS and Century to support their mathematical learning.

## Homework



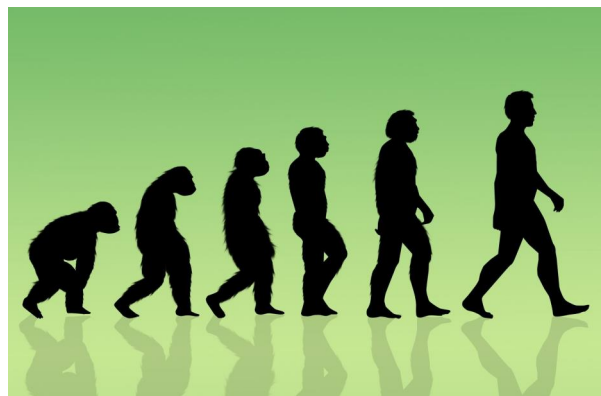
Homework is incredibly important this term, as we are approaching SATs that will be taking place in May. The homework set will be linked to skills or knowledge learnt in class and is a way for your child to consolidate learning. If homework is not complete, there will be an expectation that they will need to complete this in their own time during a homework club at lunch. If you do not have online access at home, please let a member of staff know so it can be printed or arranged for them to come to the homework club.

There will be;

- A spelling activity
- A maths activity
- An expectation to read at home and have their reading record signed.
- There may be an additional piece linked to their learning in topic.

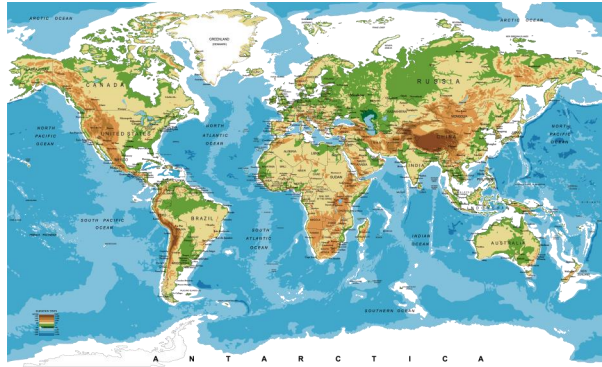
Homework will be printed out and also set on Teams and Century.

## Connected Curriculum



### Science

As scientists, the children will learn all about living things and their habitats to start with which will then move into learning about Evolution and Charles Darwin. We cannot wait to study variation and adaptation, it will be really interesting!



## Geography

As Geographers, the children will start off by learning all about Latitude and Longitude. Then, we will look at mapping out Shackleton's journey to the Antarctic from Plymouth! We will also be looking into climate change and we will finish off our learning by creating our own biomes alongside fact files.



## ICT

In ICT, the children will be continue to develop their knowledge using blended learning. Additionally, they will continue their online computing and online safety lessons with Mrs Stone. Last term, we learnt all about coding. I wonder what we will do this term?



## RE

In their RE lessons this term, the children will be looking at the topic of 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?'. Some lessons we will be covering include reincarnation and heaven.

## **PE**

For PE this term, the children will be taking part in hockey lessons. Most of the lessons will be outside, so pupils need to have a PE kit appropriate for the colder weather.



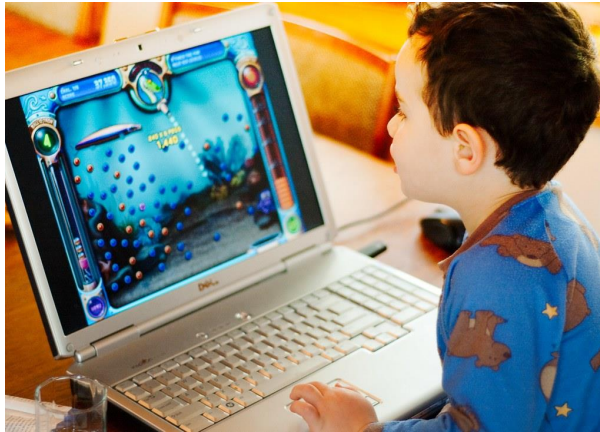
## **PSHCE**

Firstly, the children will look at diversities and communities in PSHE this term. After this learning, we will be looking into drug education.

## How can you help your child at home?



- Encourage children to complete their homework
- Read with your children frequently
- Talk about the news and what is going on in the world
- Discuss any family history relating to the war
- Find light sources in your home with them
- Ask them to add the price of items together when you are out shopping



### *3 - Useful websites*

Please bring in the work to share at school, we would be delighted to see the amazing work.

<https://trockstars.com/> - Support your child with their times tables

<https://www.century.tech/> - individual learning programs

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - support your child with reading and E-books

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - information and quizzes about particular subjects