

Whitchurch CE Primary School



A Life Down Under!

Year 6

Summer 2 2025

Curriculum Information Leaflet

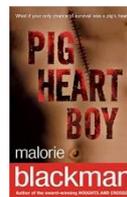
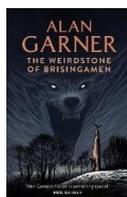


English

Reading

We continue to use a variety of short texts, or extracts from texts, to focus our learning on different reading skills. Through these lessons, we aim to promote an enjoyment of reading, alongside improving children's reading and comprehension skills. We spend one lesson a week focussing on developing the children's fluency skills, looking at how to use intonation and expression accurately. Our reading sessions will typically follow the same structure of being broken down into four or five lessons over the course of the week.

Accompanying these lessons, each class will be reading a class book during our morning read slot. This will change for every class, every half-term. Please ask your child what their current class reader is.



Writing

Aims: To entertain through creating tension and suspense

To use dialogue to convey character and advance the action

We will be watching a video stimulus of a short film called 'Alma' to discuss how suspense and tension is created within a story. We will be using these features to produce a suspense story of our own. Within this, we will be using dialogue to help us understand the character and to move the story on, ensuring that we use the correct layout and punctuation for speech.

Important vocabulary for this half term which will be beneficial to discuss at home is: suspense, tension, atmosphere.

Maths

Aim: To consolidate our learning over the course and prepare for secondary school.

Now we have covered the entire Year 6 maths curriculum, we will be using Summer 2 half-term to consolidate our learning. We will be covering a range of topics and the children will have to opportunity to recap any specific areas they would like to. We will be doing this through some longer maths projects, which will involve the children drawing on skills they have learned over the last few years.

You can help at home by continuing to encourage your child to practise times tables.

Geography

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Aim: To understand what life is like in Australia and study its geography.

During Summer 2, our topic will be Australia. We will look closely at the geography of Australia, including landmarks, wildlife and ecosystems. Furthermore, we will be learning about how Australia was discovered and has adapted to become the country we know today.

You can help at home by discussing and sharing any knowledge and vocabulary you may have of Australia with your child. You could also share knowledge of any famous Australians you might know of. Some suggestions are: Indigenous, boomerang, Uluru, Southern Hemisphere, Outback, Great Barrier Reef.

Science

Circuits

Aim: To build on knowledge from previous years about electrical circuits

This half-term the children will be learning about electrical circuits. They will build upon previous learning around electricity and electrical circuits. The children will be set some challenges around creating circuits, including to build different circuits for different purposes and look at the relationship between electricity and heat. This knowledge will also help the children with their DT project.

You can help at home by reminding your children of electrical safety and the importance of it. Some vocabulary you could discuss with your child include: bulb, lamp, earth wire, live wire, neutral, proton, electron.

R.E.

Humanism

Aim: To make clear connections between Humanist beliefs and how this may affect their decisions.

During this unit, we will explain our own responses to a human experience of living a 'good life'. We will build on this by thinking about these responses and how they can be applied to our own lives and the lives of others. We will discuss how Humanists might live a good life and evaluate the importance of this using examples.

You can help at home by continuing to encourage your child to have an open mind about the beliefs and practices of others.

PE

Athletics

Aim: To use gross motor skills to perform a range of run, throw and jump techniques effectively.

We will be concentrating on the skills required for a range of different athletics disciplines for both of our PE sessions each week of this half-term. The children will be taught correct techniques for athletics disciplines such as, relay, javelin, shot, long jump and triple jump. We will also use this time to practise for sports day.

You can help at home by encouraging your children to lead an active lifestyle and highlighting the key traits team sports players would need to show when competing. E: Teamwork, good communicators, leadership, competitiveness and adaptability.

PSHE

Aim: To discuss physical and hormonal changes the children will encounter through puberty.

During SRE sessions, we will look at anatomy of both boys and girls and how this changes and develops, including reproduction. We will also be discussing relationships and how these change as the children grow older.

Alongside this, our PSHE lessons will focus on 'No way through isn't true'. We will look at how to solve problems, which we may encounter in life. Furthermore, we will include regular transition sessions to help prepare the children for their move to secondary school and address any worries or concerns they have.

You can help at home by discussing any questions your child might have around SRE.

Art

Aim: To create artwork based around our topic.

In Art this half term we will focus our art work around our Australian topic where we will use watercolours to paint the famous landmark of Uluru, as well as study the patterns of Aboriginal art and design some of our own. We will create our own aboriginal mural.

You can help at home by researching famous Australian landmarks such as Uluru Rock. Discussions around Australian animals and Aboriginal patterns will help to inspire your child's artwork.

Computing

Spreadsheets

Aim: To become familiar with using Microsoft Excel spreadsheets

This half-term, we will be introducing the children to Microsoft Excel and spreadsheets. The children will gain an understanding of how it works and use basic formula to help them create a range of spreadsheets.

You can help at home by discussing how you might use spreadsheets to help with aspects of your life or work. Some vocabulary you could discuss includes: Excel, Microsoft, data, spreadsheet, input, output.

MFL

Me in the world

Aim: To discuss who and where we are in the world.

In this unit, the children will learn the vocabulary to enable them to name different countries in the world, as well as some different festivals and cultural events in these countries. They will also discuss how we are all the same but different in our own unique ways.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to practise their French orally whenever they can.

DT

Fairground rides

Aim: To program a computer to control a fairground Ride

In DT this half term, the children will be working on a computer program called 'Crumble' to develop a code that will control a fairground ride. The children will work as part of a group to design and make their fairground ride after exploring examples and doing some research.

Music

Aim: To perform accurate samba rhythms as part of a samba band.

This term the children will learn to play as part of a samba band. They will learn to play a variety of rhythms on different samba instruments and work together as a class band to put the rhythms together to create carnival style samba performances.

We will also be practising the songs for our production 'Super Stan' and the songs for our Cathedral Leaver's service.

Key Dates

Tuesday 3rd June – SRE information meeting (after-school)

Wednesday 4th June – Art project exhibition (after-school)

Friday 6th – MAD Day

Wednesday 11th June – Book Look (after-school)

Thursday 12th June – Natural History Museum trip

Monday 16th June – Winchester Cathedral trip

Thursday 19th June – Class photo day

Wednesday 25th June – Sports Day

Weds, Thurs, Fri 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th July – Swimming dates. We will clarify your child's class date and time soon.

Monday 14th July – Testbourne Transition Day

Wednesday 9th July – All Hallows Church visit

Wednesday 16th July – Production performance (2pm)

Thursday 17th July - Production performance (6pm)

Monday 21st July – Leavers’ service at All Hallows Church (am)

Monday 21st July – Leavers’ Party (6pm)

Home Learning

This will be given out weekly on a Wednesday and is to be handed in the following Monday. Via Google Classroom the children will receive one English task each week as well as My Maths. We expect children to be reading daily, practising their timetables and their spelling. We expect all children to complete the work that is set as it is good consolidation and practise of what has been learned in class during the week.

Year 6 Team