

Class News

Autumn 1 2026



How has Winchester changed over time?

Welcome to Year 6! We are delighted to welcome both children and parents to an exciting year ahead. Mrs Gunning and Mrs Ashby will be working together with the class every day, supporting the children as they grow in confidence, independence and readiness for secondary school. This term, our learning journey will focus on Victorian Winchester, where we will explore what life was like in our local area during the Victorian era. In science and history, we will learn about the life and discoveries of Charles Darwin and consider how his ideas changed the way people understood the natural world. Alongside our topic work, the children will enjoy lots of opportunities to develop their creativity through art, including drawing, painting and designing pieces inspired by Victorian life and the natural world. We are looking forward to a busy, exciting and successful year together!

Maths

This term, Year 6 will focus on the four operations and fractions. Children will develop confidence in using formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including solving multi-step problems. In fractions, they will simplify fractions, find equivalent fractions, and add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. Throughout all learning, pupils will be encouraged to explain their reasoning, use efficient calculation strategies and apply their knowledge to a range of problem-solving challenges. Regular practice of multiplication and division facts will continue to support fluency and accuracy.

English

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Other subjects

Science – Classification and Evolution.

Art – Drawing.

DT – Fabric tote bags with printed images.

Computing – Online safety.

History – What does the census tell us?

Music – Ukulele with Listen to Me.

Our class reader/ book is Darwin's Dragons

Vocabulary

Inheritance: Something you get from your family through their genes.

Evolution: The way that living things change and develop over many generations.

Adaptation: Something has changed or been made to fit a new situation or use.

How to help at home

Homework will be set on a Tuesday afternoon and expected back in the following Monday. There will not be a huge amount and I will try and differ it so that you see a variety of things that the your children are learning.

Please encourage your child to read daily – a few pages is sufficient, 20 minutes is ideal!

Outcome

Yr 6 will be hosting an 'art workshop' for Yr 1, towards to end of October, teaching them how to do a range of printing. They will think about the basics of printing and how to adapt and deliver this for the younger children.

Key messages

PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Homework is due on a Monday.