



# Autumn Term 2023 Curriculum Overview

## English

The first part of Autumn we shall be focusing on a poem called the Highwayman written by Alfred Noyes. Children will be getting to know the characters and their emotions and will learn about making and writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters. We are excited to have a storyteller to come into school to help us immerse into a highwayman character.

After half term we shall be studying the text Shackleton's Journey written by William Gill. We shall immerse ourselves into the journey that Shackleton made and the obstacles he overcame with his colleagues. We shall look to write a biography from the perspective of an explorer such as Shackleton.

## Maths

In our maths lessons we shall be concentrating on our fluency and practicing our skills. There will be daily practice on timestables online with TT Rockstars as well as paper format to improve our skills. Timetables are an essential part of our maths lessons, they help pupils to develop understanding of fractions, percentages, ratios. Timetables unlock maths for pupils in their lessons.

We shall start the term with place value of numbers, ordering and comparing.

## This term our projects are ...

### Science—Autumn 1

#### Materials—Mixtures and Separation.

We shall explore and investigate different mixtures and how they behave in different situations. We shall explore filtering, sieving, dissolving, effects of temperature on dissolving and the process of evaporation with different mixtures. We shall be working scientifically using explanations and annotated diagrams to explain mixtures and how they may be separated. We shall research, identify and justify different methods to complete our science investigations.

### Science—Autumn 2

#### Properties and Changes.

Our science lessons will involve investigating and exploring different materials, making note of their hardness and how this affects their uses. We shall explore transparency, conductivity, thermal properties of different materials.

Lessons will require pupils to make evaluations and predictions about material properties and how they may change. Pupils will need to make observations and conclude in report writing their findings.

### Topic—History Autumn 1

In our history topic we shall be studying significant historical people and through inference and investigation we shall discover if these characters should feature on a British banknote. Some of the characters are some less well known figures such as Ellen Wilkinson Betty Boothroyd, William Tuke to name a few. It will give the pupils an insight into their contributions to society and how they are to be remembered as well as key events in history at that time.

### Topic—Geography Autumn 2

Oceans is the title of our geography unit this half term. We shall learn about the water cycle and the key vocabulary that that is a key part of their learning to take with them into key stage 3. We shall study the Oceans in the world, focusing on the Great Barrier reef including the benefits of the reef to the ecosystem as well as the impact of humans and the consequences on ecosystems and the biodiversity of the site. We shall incorporate some mathematical skills such as tally charts to complete an investigation which we can then report and make suggestions on how to make improvements.

## Learning at home



Homework is an essential part of learning where pupils are able to practice and apply what they have learnt in school to help with memory and recall of information.

It is important for you to support your child with their homework which will include times table and arithmetic practice as well as grammar and reading comprehension skills.

Homework will be set on a **Friday** and set work to be completed and returned by **Wednesday**.

All pupils will be required to complete their homework. If homework is not completed there will be an opportunity for pupils to have 30 minutes with me to support them, or they can use their lunch times to complete. It is essential for pupils learning to complete their homework to support their learning in school. Additionally pupils can access spelling shed and TT Rockstars to improve their fluency and recall.

## PE

PE Uniform—white t shirts and blue shorts.  
No club sports kit



## Year 5

Have been given the opportunity to go to Shrewsbury school for 10 weeks of singing. More info to follow.

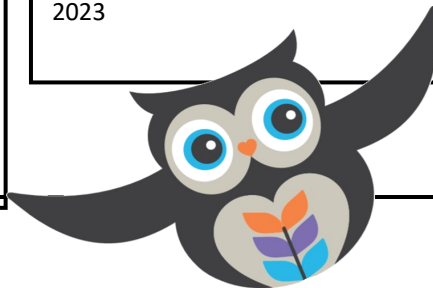


## Year 6

Are busy with 4 sessions from Purple Leaf, Bike ability for 2 days and a residential at the end of autumn 1.

We shall be brainstorming some fundraising ideas to contribute to finding our trips for the forthcoming year.

Date for your diary: Bat class assembly for parents—23rd November 2023



## Staff

### Bats Class (Year 5 & 6)

Mrs Onions - Teacher  
Mrs Evanson - Teaching Assistant  
Mrs Chadwick—Classroom cover  
Mr Jones—PE teacher

## Ready to learn

Please make sure that your child:

- brings their bag to school every day
- brings a coat to school every day
- has a water bottle in school every day (no juice please)
- pupils are not to bring in any fidget toys as these can cause distractions or can get lost. School will meet your child's needs.
- please no jewellery such as necklaces or bracelets. Earrings are to be studs and taped or removed for PE.
- nails are to be kept natural, not painted and trimmed.
- hair must be tied into a pony tail if longer than shoulder length.



**Please make sure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name**

## Useful links

Click here for information about school uniform:

[Uniform - Grange Primary School \(grangeprimaryshrewsbury.co.uk\)](http://grangeprimaryshrewsbury.co.uk)

Click here for information about term dates:

[Term Dates - Grange Primary School \(grangeprimaryshrewsbury.co.uk\)](http://grangeprimaryshrewsbury.co.uk)

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**best**



are  
**honest**



are  
**kind**



are  
**curious**



**respect**  
each other



## Reading

It is important that pupils read at least 4 times a week and write it into their reading diary. Reading regularly improves reading fluency and pupils are able to complete tasks in lessons more confidently if they are able to read and understand questions and tasks. This is a life skill which will benefit them through

