

# Year 6 Autumn Term Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers- Welcome to Year Six!

Although it is the children's last year at Potter Street Academy, there is still fun to be had as well as some more in-depth learning!

This year the students will have more responsibilities that will allow them to have an easier transition to Secondary School. Students will be much more responsible and accountable for their learning. For example, students are expected to be responsible for their equipment (i.e. pens, pencils, rubbers). Furthermore, Year Six students will have homework throughout the school year that will reflect what they will be learning in lessons. It is important students complete their homework. When students practise the material frequently, it also allows for them to progress and reach their fullest potential in their academic abilities.

Year Six students will become exceptional role models for the rest of the school as they will take on responsibilities such as being a House Captain, or by having class roles that will contribute to helping the rest of the school. Year Six students will also complete a Year Six Passport which contains 60+ challenges linked to the school values which will enable children to contribute to the whole school community.

Our topic focus this term will be 'World War II.' Students will gain an understanding of everyday life in WWII. Students will explore topics such as the Blitz, evacuation, rationing and many more. Through these different areas of learning, students will make connections between WWII and life today.



In Geography, we will be looking at North America and exploring the different countries, climate and time zones. We will also look at the geographical features of North America and how they are formed.

In English, we will begin with short suspense story writing to get back into the basic skills of writing. We will also focus on non-fiction texts. We will be writing non-chronological reports as well as explanation texts as this will fully allow the students to demonstrate their skills in a variety of writing tasks. Our grammar and punctuation lessons will be included within the English hour so that these skills can be practised in the student's writing.

In Maths, we will be completing the units of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, geometry, 2D and 3D shapes, ratio and proportion as well as algebra to further prepare the students SATs. There will be

lots of opportunities for students to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills.

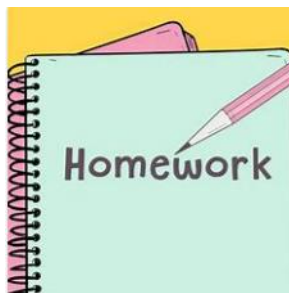
In Art, this half-term students will be Batik printing. They will be learning about artists and practising skills they can use to create their own Batik print.

In Science during the term, students will study electricity and light. They will discover these topics through hands-on investigations and will develop their scientific enquiry skills.

In RE, we will look at the beliefs and practices of Islam.

In PSHE, we will be focusing on the unit “ Me and My Relationships”. We will also be continuing MyHappyMind in order to support our pupils well-being.

In PE, students will learn skills in a range of different sports. Students will also gain an understanding of efficient warming up activities before participating in physical activities. Students will also demonstrate a positive attitude in all games while learning to work together as a team. Students should have PE kits in school everyday. Children can bring dark coloured jogging bottoms for outside P.E sessions which will happen often. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions; they must be able to remove their own earrings and, for safety reasons, have a hair band to tie up long hair.



Homework will still be sent out on a Tuesday and will be expected to be handed in on the following Monday. Children will each be given a homework book to complete their homework in. Each week homework will consist of English and Maths which will allow for extra preparation toward their SATs. Students should also practice their spellings, times tables and mental maths daily especially through TTRockstars and Spelling Shed. Furthermore, Y6 must read a minimum of twenty minutes an evening. The children will be expected to read an AR book a week, however, larger books may require more time and this will be communicated to the teacher by the Y6 pupil. The children should bring their reading book and reading record to and from school every day. Once books are completed the children will take an AR quiz which will be completed at school. Parents can come speak to me at any time but please keep in mind that the mornings will be for shorter conversations. If you would like to speak to me after school for a longer conversation, please let me know via the Class Dojo app.

Miss Niven

