

Mount Pleasant Lane Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6

2026 Autumn Term 1



Dear parents and carers,

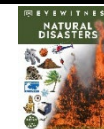
Welcome back! September brings a new school year; it is a very exciting time particularly for our year 6 children, who are in their final year of their primary school journey. We have so many wonderful opportunities for them to develop responsibility, independence, leadership and collaborative skills this year. One of the wonderful opportunities open to Year 6 pupils is to walk to and from school independently! Please help your children with their organisation during this important step: check that they have their coat throughout the winter, check their bag is packed with everything they will need, and check that they remember their rules for getting home safely. Please can you also ensure pupils are not bringing unnecessary items, such as toys, squishies and stationery.

I am genuinely thrilled to be teaching this cohort and I feel really privileged to have the opportunity to see them through the many important transitions that Year 6 brings. They are such a kind, creative and hardworking class - there won't be a dull moment, I'm sure!

Many thanks for all your support,

Ms McQuarrie

Key dates for your diary:	➤ Friday 16th October – Harvest Festival ➤ Wednesday 21st October – Open Classrooms
PE days & kit required:	Oak class should wear their P.E. kits on Tuesdays and Fridays .
Homework:	➤ 10 minutes reading logged on Boom Reader a minimum of 4 times a week. ➤ One MyMaths task. ➤ 20 minutes spelling practice, spread across the week (e.g. 4 x 5 minutes). ➤ 20 minutes times table practice on Times Table Rockstars if advised by the class teacher. Homework will be set each Friday and due by Wednesday the following week.
Contact us: 	Communication is vital to us supporting the school community effectively. Please speak to your class teacher on the door at drop off or pick up if you have a short query or message. For longer conversations, please email admin@mountpleasant.herts.sch.uk FAO class teacher name and they will call you to discuss as soon as possible. Please be aware that teachers are teaching throughout the day so will be unable to speak to you immediately.
Our recommended read:	The fantastic DK Eyewitness series contains a fab book on 'Natural Disasters', which children will be studying in geography this half term. The detailed, full-colour photographs and illustrations demonstrate the amazing power of hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.





Our theme this half term is: **Extreme Earth**

English: *Little Red Riding Hood*



This half term, we will explore the story of Red Riding Hood and write character descriptions, setting descriptions and recounts in role.

Through these pieces, pupils will learn how to write more complex sentences with accurate punctuation.

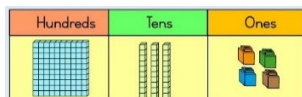
Reading: *'Incredible Journeys'* by Levison Wood

Each week we will explore a new adventure from Levison Wood's 'Incredible Journeys', building our vocabulary and general knowledge, before tackling comprehension practice. Our comprehension activities in Year 6 shift towards secondary school style analysis and questioning, which draw upon the skills taught across Years 3-5.



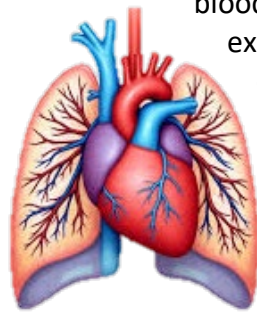
Maths: *Place value, addition and subtraction*

Maths begins with revision of the key principles of place value. In Year 6, our numbers go into the millions! Once secure, we will move onto multiplying and dividing decimals and adding and subtracting numbers up to ten million, using both mental and formal methods.



Science: *The circulation system*

Pupils will study the human circulation system: the heart, lungs, blood and blood vessels. We will



explore the role of each organ, what blood is made of, and how they work together to keep us alive!

Alongside these studies, pupils will carry out scientific investigations that develop their understanding of blood vessels and of fair testing and critical evaluation.

R.E: *Buddhism*

Children will explore the Buddhist principles of kindness and selflessness through study of some of the Buddha's most famous stories.



French: *The classroom*



Children will learn the names of common classroom items before learning to describe what items they have and ask for items that they need.

Geography: *Extreme Earth*

Pupils will build on their Year 3 geological knowledge about the Earth and what causes natural disasters, such as earthquakes and volcanoes. As part of their learning, children will compare the effects of different disasters and why some may have a more devastating impact than others.



P.S.H.E: *Relationships*



This half term's topic explores *relationships*, with a focus on friendships, using online social networks safely and responsibly, and resisting peer pressure.

PE: *Tag Rugby and basketball*



Art/D.T: *Figure drawing*

Children will develop their figure drawing skills, taking inspiration from works by David Hockney.



Computing: *Collaboration & communication*

Children will explore ways in which we can use technology to support collaboration and communication, using Google Drive.

