

## Holden Clough Primary School's Curriculum Newsletter - Year 6 - Autumn 2 - 2024/2025

**Introduction** We hope the children enjoyed a well-deserved break and are ready to dive back into learning. This half-term will be another busy one, and we're excited to see the children continue to grow and make progress. With the lead-up to Christmas, there's plenty to cover, so the next seven weeks will be full steam ahead! This half-term will also feature Parents' Evening, along with other exciting events.

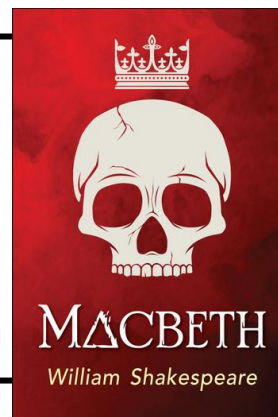
# Year 6

### **History**

To start off this half-term, we'll be wrapping up our unit on Ancient Greece by exploring the significant influence it has had on modern life and how much of what we do today traces back to them.

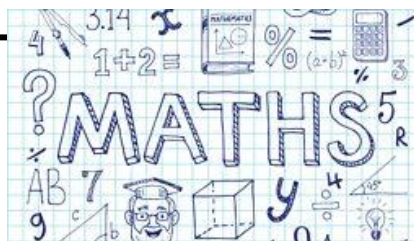
Following that, we'll dive into our Geography unit: Why does population change? By the end of this unit, the children will be able to:

- Identify areas with the highest and lowest population densities.
- Describe how the global population has increased over time.
- Explain factors that influence the environments where people choose to live.
- Define birth and death rates and discuss factors that may affect them.
- Define migration and explore push and pull factors.
- Explain why some people may have no choice but to leave their homes.
- Describe the causes of climate change and discuss its impact on the global population.



### **Mathematics**

This term in Mathematics, we will continue building on our understanding of fractions, addressing any prior misconceptions as we progress. We recommend that children keep practising formal written methods, especially for division and multiplication. Weekly arithmetic papers will still be sent home every Monday, as part of the children's homework. It's extremely important for children to complete these regularly. Additionally, weekly times tables tests will be conducted, along with Maths CGP book assignments, which are due each Friday.



### **Writing**

This term in English, we'll be delving further into the world of William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. Our writing projects will include crafting soliloquies, persuasive adverts, and a battle scene narrative. We'll also have the exciting opportunity to perform all of these pieces in our own unique version of Macbeth in the lead-up to Christmas!

### **Guided Read**

In our reading sessions this term, we'll continue with The Haunting of Aveline Jones, uncovering the mystery of The Lady in the Waves while strengthening our comprehension skills. We'll also explore a variety of poems and non-fiction texts connected to Armistice Day!

## Science

In Science, we will start our unit on "Animals, Including Humans." This unit will explore the changes that occur as humans age, highlighting how diet, exercise, drugs, and lifestyle choices affect our body's functions. Additionally, we will study the human circulatory system, focusing on the roles of the heart, blood vessels, and blood.

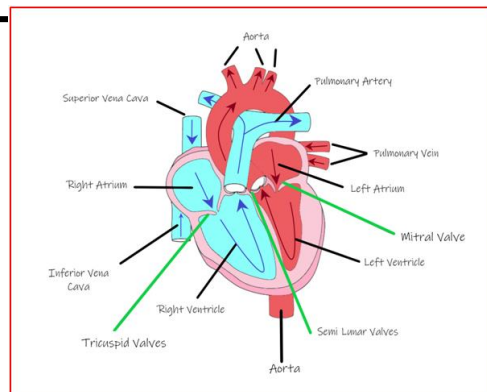
## PE

Our PE unit for this half-term will focus on gymnastics. We will also be quite active as we rehearse for our production of Macbeth! We will have P.E. every Thursday.

## Parent's Information

If you'd like to support your child's learning at home, here are a few ideas to consider:

- Read, listen to, and discuss the book your child is currently reading. If you want to encourage them to explore more narrative or fiction, please ask your class teacher for recommendations.
- Play times tables games and practise both division and multiplication facts.
- Utilise the Times Table Rockstars website at home—your children should have their login details!
- Help your child practise their spellings; they will bring them home in their log book at the beginning of each week, and you can also use Ed Shed for additional practice.



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
DO YOUR  
HOMEWORK**

## Homework

Just a reminder of homework allocation for this academic year. All homework will be marked as a class whereby misconceptions will be addressed.

**Monday - Arithmetic practise paper due the following Monday. Going forward, all 40 questions will be due each week.**

**Wednesday - pages for the SPAG CGP book due the following Wednesday.**

**Friday - pages from the reasoning CGP book due the following Friday.**

**New spellings to be given out weekly to be learnt for testing the following week.**

## Upcoming dates for your diary

- 11<sup>th</sup> November: Armistice Day candle event.
- W/C 25<sup>th</sup> November: Book fair.
- 30<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Fair.
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> December: Parents' evening.
- 20<sup>th</sup> December: School ends for the holidays.

## Spanish

Spanish will continue to be taught by the company 'Junior Jam'.