

Year 6 Autumn Newsletter 2025

Welcome to the Autumn term at Edna G. Olds Academy. The children have made a wonderful start to Year 6 and we look forward to teaching your children for the rest of the academic year.

English

In English, we will be building on our prior knowledge from Year 5. This term, we will focus on confidently constructing a range of sentence structures to write a diary entry and a narrative. We will be using a range of outdoor learning, drama, DT and computing skills to support our creativity and learning. To inspire our writing, we will be using the illustrations and story from our class book called 'Show Way', written by Jacqueline Woodson.

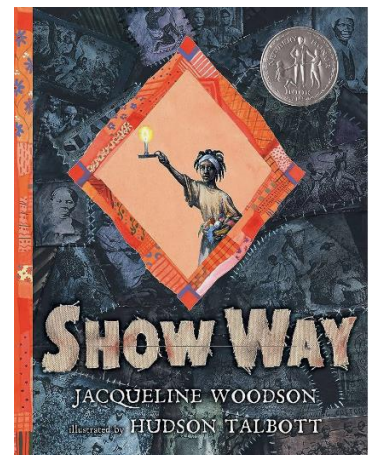
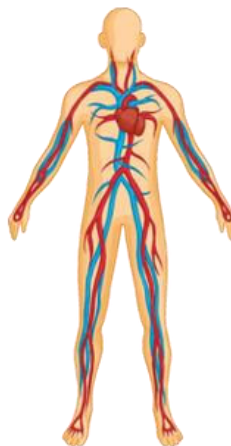
Maths

In maths, Year 6 will be representing, comparing and ordering numbers up to ten million. They will be applying their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction to answer word and reasoning problems. In preparation for SATS, we will be revising key mathematical concepts in order to explore multi-step problem solving questions. All children will have an opportunity to collaborate with peers in order to solve real-life problems, further deepen their understanding and refine key skills.

Topic

This autumn term, our enquiry-based curriculum will focus on slavery. In science, we will be building on our prior knowledge of the human body to learn about the circulatory system and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. We will be working scientifically to identify and describe the main functions of the heart and blood vessels. We will conduct investigations to support our understanding of our heart rates.

Our history enquiry this term is 'What role did Victorian Britain play in the transatlantic slave trade?' To be able to answer this enquiry, Year 6 will use a range of sources to explore the history of the transatlantic slave trade.



Homework

Homework will be set every Monday (mathematics, comprehension and spellings) and children will have one week to complete it.

Comprehension homework - Students will be assigned weekly comprehension tasks to enhance their reading and understanding skills. This will be sent home in a comprehension book.

Spelling homework - Weekly spelling activities will be assigned to help students improve their vocabulary and spelling accuracy. This will be sent home in a spelling book.

Mathletics - Students will continue to complete their mathematics homework through the Mathletics platform.

These assignments are designed to support students' learning and ensure they are well-prepared for the challenges of secondary education.

It is important that children are encouraged to complete their homework regularly, as this is an extension of their learning at school.

PE

The children's PE lesson will be every Monday afternoon. This half term we will be building on our tennis skills. Your child must come to school wearing their PE kit. The school PE uniform consists of a red top and black trousers/shorts. In addition, we have a yoga lesson and a mile run every Thursday afternoon. On this day, children should come to school with a pair of trainers to change into for the mile run.

Swimming

Year 6 will have a swimming lesson every Monday afternoon during Autumn 1 and Autumn 2. Every child must participate in swimming lessons. Please remember for health and safety reasons the children are not permitted to wear any jewellery whilst swimming.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Hamill and Mrs Sattar.