

Parent Learning Information

Autumn Half Term 1 2026

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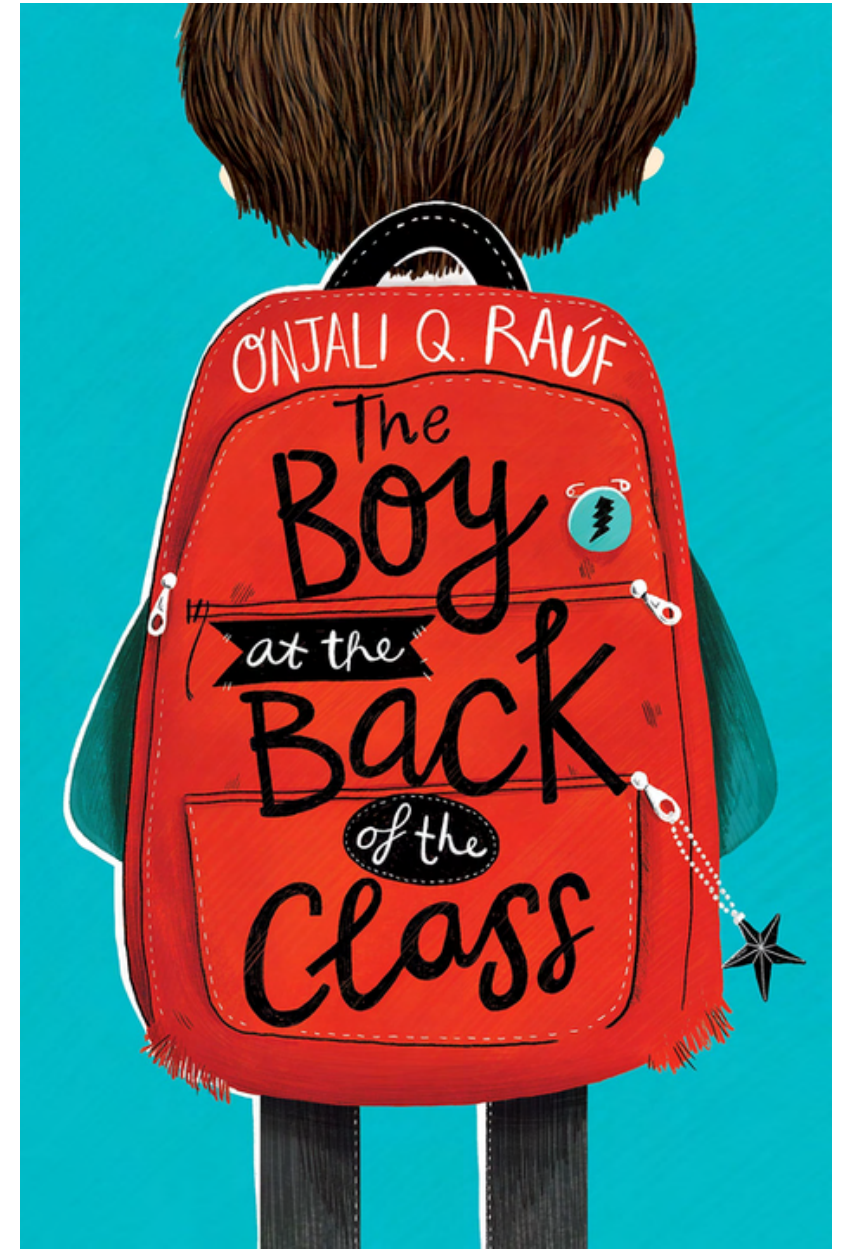
Reading Curriculum

This half term, we will be reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. Throughout the unit, we will focus on developing our reading fluency to build stamina, accuracy and expression.

We will also deepen our understanding of the text by exploring its characters, themes, setting, plot and the author's use of language and writing techniques.

Set in modern-day England, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* follows the journey of a young refugee, Ahmet, who arrives at a new school and struggles to communicate with his classmates.

The novel explores powerful themes including friendship, kindness, courage, empathy, acceptance, hope, belonging and the experiences of refugees. As we read, pupils will discuss how these themes develop throughout the story and how the characters grow and change.



Maths Curriculum

This half term, Year 6 pupils will develop their understanding of place value by working with numbers up to 10 million. They will compare, order and round whole numbers, explore negative numbers, and strengthen their calculation skills through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including long division.

Pupils will also investigate factors, multiples, prime numbers, square and cube numbers, and apply the order of operations to solve multi-step problems.

Towards the end of the half term, the focus will shift to fractions, where children will learn about equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions, including mixed numbers.

Throughout the unit, pupils will apply their mathematical knowledge to solve increasingly challenging problems and explain their reasoning.



Writing Curriculum

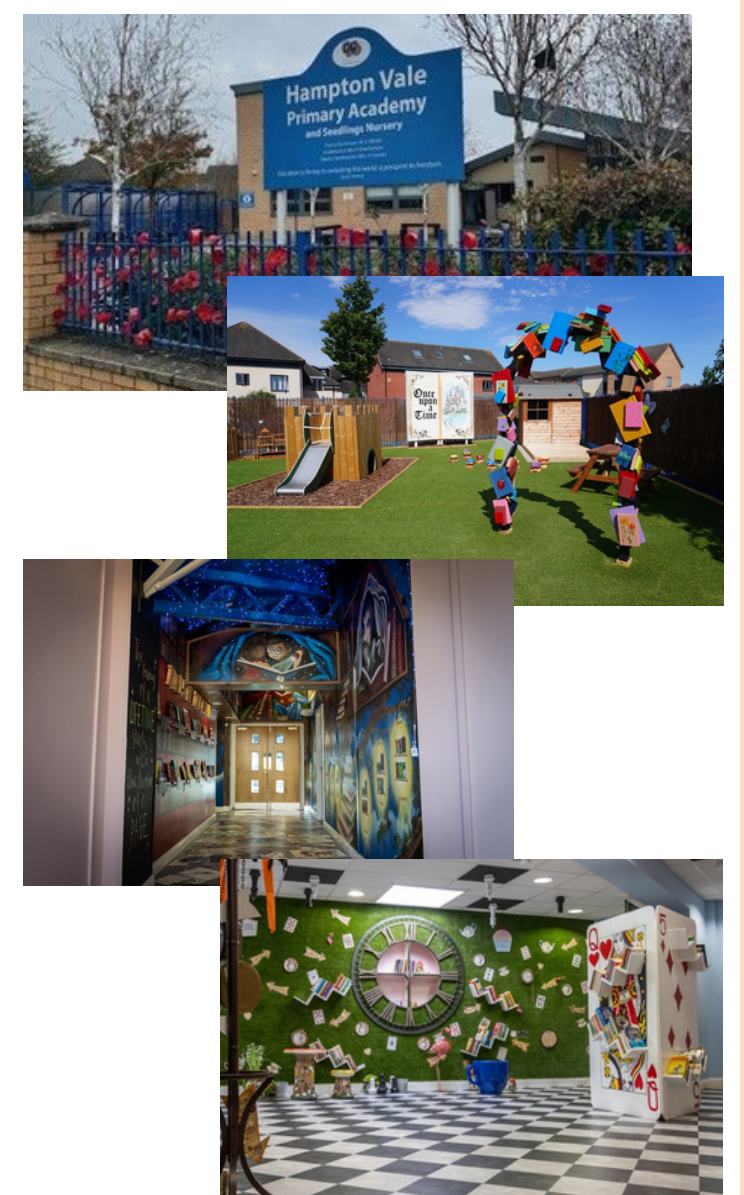
This term, we are learning how to write an information text all about Hampton Vale Primary Academy.

Children will explore how information texts are organised and how they are written to give the reader clear, interesting and factual information. Our information text will include different sections about the school, such as our school, our learning, our subjects and activities, our school community and what makes Hampton Vale special.

We will think carefully about the facts and information we want to share and practise using headings, subheadings, factual language and detailed sentences to make our writing informative and engaging.

As part of our grammar learning, children will also identify and use independent clauses and coordinating conjunctions to create effective compound sentences.

This will help them to develop their sentences and give the reader more information in a clear and interesting way.



Wider Curriculum Learning

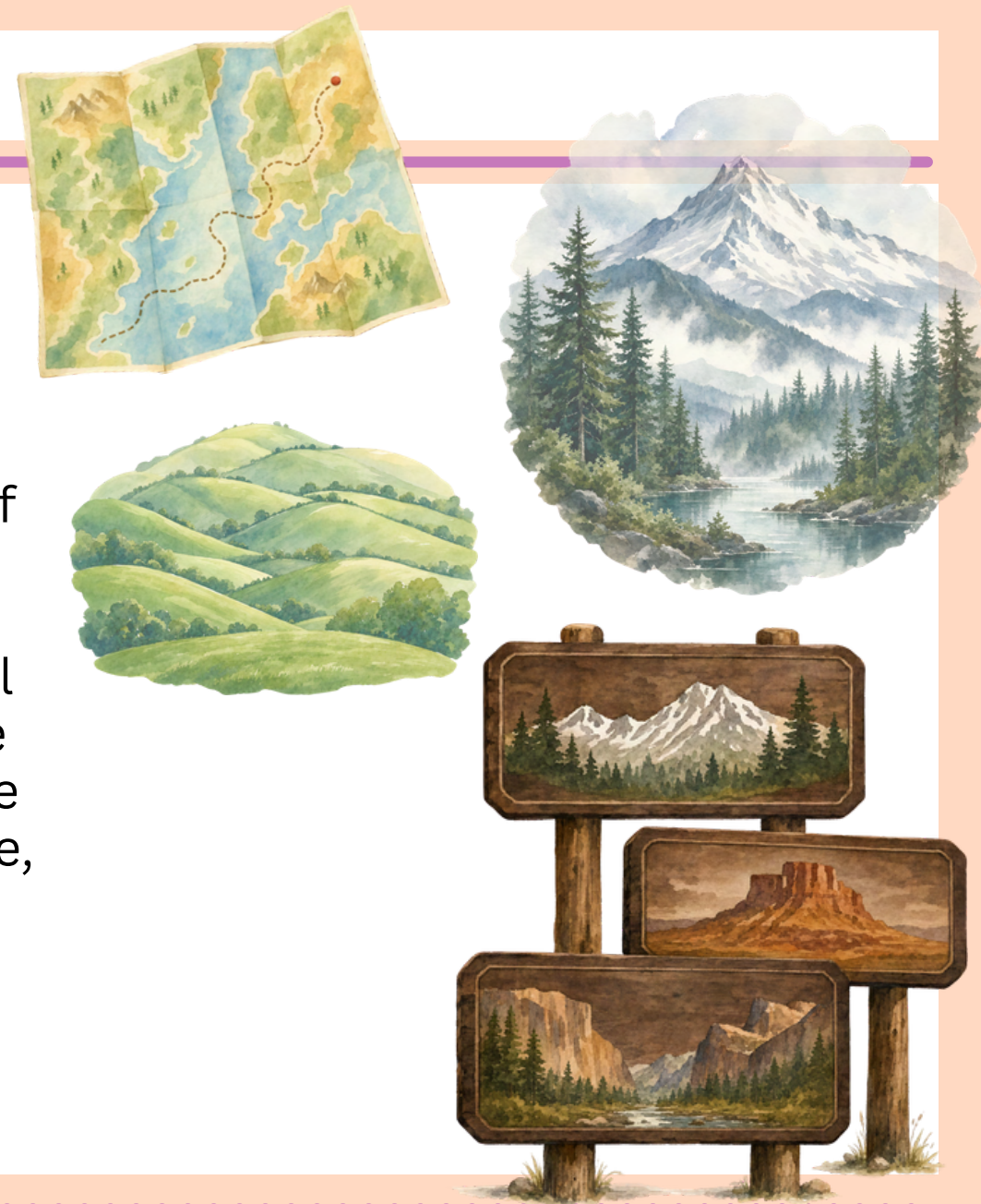
Topic -

In Geography this half term, we will be exploring the question: Why are national parks worth protecting?

Pupils will discover why national parks are designated to protect places of outstanding natural beauty, cultural heritage and historical importance.

They will compare the distinctive physical and human features of national parks across the UK and around the world, learn about the important role these landscapes play in protecting wildlife and habitats, and consider the challenges of balancing conservation with the needs of the people who live, work and visit these areas.

Through this unit, children will develop a deeper understanding of why national parks are so valuable and how they can be protected for future generations.



Performing Arts - Including Music



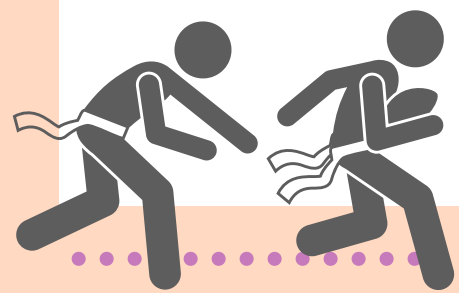
In Performing Arts/Music this term, Year 6 children will be deep diving into the dance style 'Hip Hop' learning specifics of the dance style and experimenting with choreography both taught and devised to current artists.

We will also be looking at playing and performing in Music. Exploring different instruments in solo and ensemble contexts. Using their voices and playing the instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency and control.

PE

This term, the children will continue to build on their prior learning in Tag Rugby, developing their passing, catching, movement and teamwork skills while gaining a greater understanding of the game.

In their other PE lessons, the children will focus on improving their fitness, taking part in a range of fun activities designed to develop their stamina, strength, speed and overall physical fitness.



Forest School



This half term in Forest School, the children will be exploring our three meadow areas and discovering the wonderful wildlife and natural habitats that make each one unique.

A key focus will be learning about our Forest School expectations. The children will develop an understanding of how to behave responsibly in this special environment, recognising that it is home to a wide variety of plants, insects and animals. Together, we will learn how to respect and care for nature while enjoying everything the outdoors has to offer.

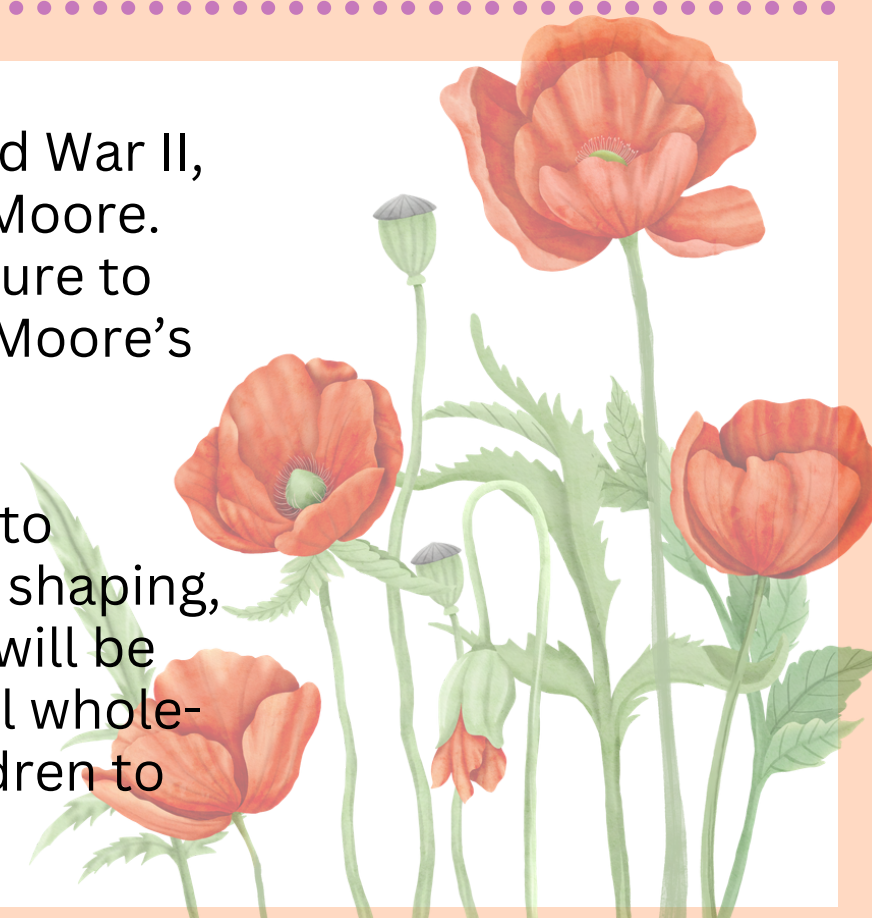
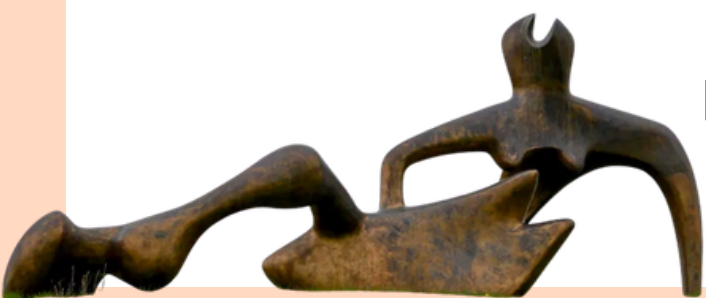
Throughout the first half term, the children will have plenty of opportunities for child-led exploration, allowing them to investigate, ask questions, make discoveries and develop their curiosity about the natural world through hands-on experiences.



Art

In Art this term, the children will explore the theme of World War II, with a particular focus on the work of visual artist Henry Moore. They will look at how artists can use shape, form and texture to communicate ideas and emotions, taking inspiration from Moore's work to develop their own creative responses.

The children will also design and create clay poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day, developing their skills in shaping, moulding and adding detail to clay. Their finished pieces will be proudly displayed around the school, creating a meaningful whole-school display for everyone to enjoy and helping the children to reflect on the importance of remembrance.



Homework Expectations!

We greatly appreciate your support in helping your child develop positive learning habits at home.

Children are expected to read at least three times each week. Regular reading builds fluency, increases reading stamina and helps children develop a deeper understanding of a wide range of texts.

If your child is not yet able to recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 within three seconds, they should also spend time practising on TT Rock Stars. Confident recall of times tables is essential for success across many areas of mathematics.

Each Friday, children will receive English and Maths homework, via SATs Companion, that reinforces the learning from that week's lessons. Homework should be completed by Wednesday, when it will be reviewed with the class teacher. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to complete their homework and celebrate their progress throughout the year.

PE & Forest School Dates

Washington	Kingston	Canberra
PE - Wednesday & Thursday	PE - Wednesday & Thursday	PE - Wednesday & Thursday
Forest School - Every other Friday	Forest School - Every other Friday	Forest School - Every other Friday
1st lesson: 18 th September	1st lesson: 11 th September	1st lesson: 18 th September

Key Dates - Upcoming Wow Days and Trips

