



# Gilbertstone Primary School Year 6 Autumn 2 Newsletter

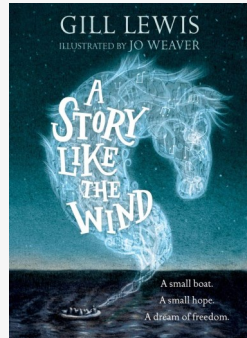


## Welcome Back!

We were very impressed with how hard the children worked last half term and we really enjoyed meeting with you all at parents evening. We have a jam-packed Autumn 2 term and we can't wait to see what the children achieve in the run up to Christmas.

### Literacy

Over the next few weeks, Year 6 are exploring 'A Story Like the Wind'. Over the term, the children will be creating pieces of writing linked to the book including a flashback narrative and newspaper report. We will have a grammar focus on relative clauses, synonyms and antonyms and expanded noun phrases and they will also learn how to use semi colons and hyphens.



### Reading

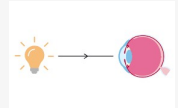
This half term, the children will be continuing to focus on developing their interpret skills as well as making connections across their books. We will be finishing the books they started in Autumn 1: Kensuke's Kingdom, Goldfish Boy and The Girl of Ink and Stars.

### Maths

In Maths this half term, we are going to be working on fractions by finding equivalents, adding and subtracting and mixed numbers. They will then move on to using fractions and the the four operations to solve multi-step problems. They will also learn how to find fractions of amounts. Please ensure children complete their weekly maths homework and continue to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

### Science

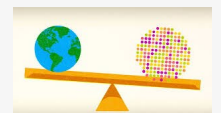
In Science, our topic is Light and Reflection. Children will learn how light travels in straight lines and how the eye works. They will have opportunities to carry out investigations using mirrors to explore how light travels.



### Wider Curriculum



This half term, we will have a focus on Geography and D&T. In Geography, we will be learning about global population distribution, and factors that affect the birth and death rate.



In D&T, our topic is Textiles where we will be making waistcoats for a teddy, thinking about the pattern, design and purpose. Children will also be practising their sewing skills!

## Autumn 1 Art unit — Album Covers

Last half term, Year 6 worked incredibly hard during their art unit 'Macro Photography'. They used cameras to take a variety of pictures to recreate famous paintings and they also created their own album cover using props. We really enjoyed seeing their creations and the children became much more confident editing their pictures using filters and other effects. Here are a few of their album covers!



## Anti-Bullying Week

During the week commencing the 10th November 2025, we will be raising the profile of anti-bullying in school. The theme this year is 'Power for Good'. This theme is based around empowering children to use their 'Power for Good' to create a kind, safe and inclusive school community.


Year 6 will be watching a short animation called 'The Bullying Monster' and using their inference skills to understand the deeper meaning and how this might affect others.

**Other important dates:**

**Monday 10th November — odd socks day**

Children can wear odd socks to celebrate that everyone is unique!

## Forest School and PE

This term, we have some exciting activities planned with the theme  'woodland wildlife'. Children will be working in groups to create a bird feeder to make sure they don't go hungry through the colder months.

6M will have forest school on 1.12.25

6S will have forest school on 5.12.25

### PE

Year 6 children have indoor PE on a **Monday** where they will be playing volleyball and developing key skills such as blocking, serving and passing. Outdoor PE is on **Friday** where children will be learning how to play netball effectively. They will do this by learning the fundamentals of footwork & agility and defensive moves to disrupt the opposition.

## Homework

Children receive **spelling and maths homework every Friday**. Homework should be completed and returned to school, in their homework folder, by the following **Wednesday**. You will receive a text message each week with the details of the pages to complete in the maths workbook and children will also be told in class.



Thank you for your support!

The Year 6 Team

Miss Evans, Miss Salisbury and Mrs Matharu

