



Curriculum Information
Spring 2017-18
Year 6

Non Mihi, Non Tibi, Sed Nobis

English (Mr Gwyn Warlow, Mr Scott Wallace, Ms Ahreum Han)

In the first half-term all of our genres will be using the text 'Skellig' by David Almond. We will be writing narratives where we will practise writing inference text; discussion writing where we will write a balanced argument and newspaper reports focusing on reported speech, in particular. In the second half-term our main focus will be on preparing for the checkpoint exams. The checkpoint exams will run from the 18th – 27th April in our Multi-Purpose Hall. The English Checkpoint Exams will be on 18th and 19th April. As this is an important time of the year any work your child can do to improve their spelling, grammar and punctuation will greatly help and please encourage your child to read for pleasure as much as possible.

Mathematics (Mr Gwyn Warlow)

In the first part of this term, we will be looking at handling data and presenting it in different forms, as well as collecting and analysing statistics. In number work, we will cover fractions, decimals and percentages; ratio and proportion; mental and written strategies for the four basic rules of number; and some of the laws of arithmetic, where brackets are used. In work on measures, we will look further at time zones and calendar problems as well as the area and perimeter of rectangles and of irregular shapes. In shape work, we will look at the properties of 3-D shapes and we will measure and construct angles. We will also spend some time revising earlier topics in readiness for the Checkpoint exams.

Science (Mrs. Nellie Wong)

This term, the students will begin the new unit, students will be learning about Forces and Motion in Unit 4, where they will be introduced to several types of forces, namely air resistance, gravity, water upthrust and friction. The students will learn how each force acts and affect motion of objects. Before their checkpoint examination, the students will finish Year 6 syllabus with the topic on 'Electrical conductors and insulators'. This topic includes identifying materials which are conductors or insulators, learning how to use circuit symbols as well as learning how changing electric components (either adding or removing) can affect the efficiency of the circuit.

Humanities (Mr Gwyn Warlow)

During the first part of this term, we will be studying certain aspects of World War 2. We will be looking at the range of countries involved in the conflict and at some of the reasons for the outbreak of war. We will look at the difficulties in trying to live a normal life as a child during this period. We will follow some of the main events of the war, including details of the resolution of the war, and will consider some of the consequences for the participating countries / leaders. Most of the work will cover the war in Europe but we will also include some details affecting other areas, including Asia. Later in the term, we will study 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes', including why these phenomena occur.

Bahasa Malaysia (Ms. Pattmagowri Muniandy and Ms Sathiwathi Sinna Thamby)

This term we will be learning about Personal and Social life. The subtopic for the first half term is about self, family, family relationship and special occasions. In this subtopic, students will be learning about themselves (for example, ambition, their contribution toward the family etc) and the importance of family relationship. During the second half of the term, they will be learning about food, entertainments, pets and hobbies. In addition, students will be learning about Malaysian food and also they will be taught to debate based on the topic 'The best entertainment for students'.

Advanced Mandarin (Ms. Pang Sook Yee)

During this term, students will improve their writing skills through expanding sentences and outlining practices. They will learn letter writing and reviewing five senses writing skills. The Chinese proverbs will enrich their writing. They will have oral lessons to improve their listening and speaking. There will be more interaction between teacher and student during the classes and small tests every few lessons to track their progress. To improve their reading skill, students will also learn how to use a Chinese dictionary. At the end of the term, students will be able to write compositions of around 150 words.

Intermediate Mandarin (Ms. Soon Saw Imm)

In this term, students will be learning about animal, hobby, job and places. The students will focus on developing their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through various classroom activities. Students will be able to understand key points and give personal responses from a short text with familiar language. Furthermore, they will be able to express themselves with increasing confidence, independence and creativity regarding the topics covered. Other than writing skills, the students will be expected to undertake oral tasks in pairs or in group discussions on given topics. Listening practice will be focused on vocabulary from the Chinese Made Easy CD in order to enhance listening skills. Other than oral speaking and listening, they will be assessed through stroke orders, written characters and phrase forming skills.





French (Mr. Michael Hayes)

This term, Year 6 will be developing their grammatical language skills. They will become language detectives to learn vocabulary, recognise patterns and discover word families and etymology. They will be studying longer texts and develop their language learning skills and then use their new skills to write their own paragraphs in French. This will not only stretch their linguistic abilities but their creativity too. In the second part of the term we will look at food and drink, creating flavours and expressing opinions. At the end of term, we will set up a small café in class so that the students can practise their speaking skills in role play. Throughout the term, students will develop all four skills: speaking, listening, writing and reading.

Performing Arts (Ms Carrena Tung)

The performing arts subject consists of two components: music; and speech and drama. In music, the lessons develop the students' ability to compose, perform and learn the use of scales, and enhance their understanding of music elements.. Students will have the opportunity to perform different pieces on the instruments and to expand their technical vocabulary in order to describe the music. In speech and drama, students will take part in a range of activities based on the folk tale "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" by Antoine Galland. Students will use this folk tale as a springboard for imagining, devising and extending characters and settings, and understanding plots.

EAL (Ms. Nurin Najmina)

This term, we will be focusing on the topic 'Has he been on holiday?' and 'She might be a vet'. The students are going to complete different levels of grammar review from the previous half term, differentiate between 'for' and 'since', work in pairs to complete an information gap activity, interview one another and answer reading comprehension questions. Through role-plays, games and presentations, students will brush up their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Weekly spelling test will also be carried out so that the students can practise new vocabularies and use them in writing sentences and also speaking.

Art and Design (Mr Mohd Shahrul Hasfis)

This term, students will learn about mono block printing techniques. They will learn the proper printing techniques and use a mix media and materials to finish their work. They will further work on their drawing, painting, pattern arrangement, and printing skills. This will require them to use their coordination, sketch, composition and pressing techniques. Students will be assessed with their pattern drawing and painting.

Malaysian Studies/Sejarah (Ms. Pattmagowri Muniandy and Ms. Rukhsana Zubaid)

For Year 6 Sejarah, Geography of Malaysia will be the topic of focus for the first half of the term. They will be learning about the major parts of Malaysia (Peninsular of Malaysia and East Malaysia) and the geology of Malaysia. Students also will be learning about the climate and natural disasters that affects Malaysia. During the second half of the term, they will be learning about the History of Malaysia where they will analyse about the early kingdom and identify the reason behind the formation of Malaysia.

ICT (Mrs. Haniza Hussin)

This term, students will be able to learn about the benefits of sharing information online, but also about the safety and security risks of sharing certain types of information. They also will understand what type of information can put them at risk for identity theft and other scams, and how to distinguish between personal information, which is safe to share online, and private information, which is unsafe to share. Students will be able also to judge what it means to cross the line from harmless to harmful communication online, and how to generate solutions for dealing with cyberbullying. Computer networks basics will be introduced to the students this term, they will learn the advantages and types of networks. Students will continue developing their skills in information software.

Physical Education (Ms Rowan Barrow, Mr Dennis Lee & Mr Vinod Shanmugam)

During this term, students will take part in Kanga Cricket which is a modified fast paced game to enable every player to succeed. Students will learn to bat, bowl and play as part of a fielding team. In the second half of term, students will be introduced to Badminton and will learn the basic rules through a range of fun activities. They will develop forehand, backhand, serving, and receiving techniques and students will learn to strategize while improving their tactical thinking when positioning themselves in the court. Both groups will participate in a Swimming unit, where they will learn how to be safe and confident in the water using swim and survive techniques. They will learn how to enter and exit the pool safely and begin to complete activities designed to develop their freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke technique.



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Upcoming Events

9 th Jan	First Day of Spring Term
29 th – 31 st Jan	Thaipusam Mini Break
31 st Jan	Thaipusam (Public Holiday)
9 th Feb	House Athletics
14 th – 17 th Feb	Chinese New Year Mini Break
16 th – 17 th Feb	Chinese New Year (Public Holiday)
23 rd Feb	Chinese New Year Assembly
13 th March	Study Skills Workshop (Year 11)
14 th March	Maths Day
19 th March	Parents Evening
22 nd March	International Day and Last day of term
23 rd March – 9 th April	Spring/Easter Holiday