



Curriculum Information  
Spring 2018-19  
Year 6

*Non Mihi, Non Tibi, Sed Nobis*

**English (Mr Gwyn Warlow, Ms Ahreum Han)**

In the first part of this term, we will be covering the unit 'Time passing', in which we will look at writing for different time periods as well as science fiction writing. We will then cover the unit 'Poles apart'. This unit allows us to study the skills of writing balanced and biased reports and arguments, as well as organising debates. In the second part of term, our unit will be 'Words at play' which looks at poetic licence, allowing the students to experiment with words and grammar rules to create poetry. Some of the aspects of grammar covered are: using more adventurous punctuation; using the active or passive voice; using standard English; recognising clauses in sentences. We will complete the term studying our class novel, 'Skellig', producing adventurous narrative (including flashbacks, imagery and detailed description) to accompany it.

**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 ( Mrs Sathiwathi Sinna Thamby and Mr Qairul Afendi)**

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. Soon Saw Imm)**

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. Pang Sook Yee)**

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.





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**Performing Arts (Ms Carrena Tung and Ms Emily Spedding)**

Music: 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.

Drama: Students will be studying script extracts based on the evacuations of World War Two, learning about the different elements of a script but most importantly understanding and empathising with the difficult situations children were put in during World War Two.

After the half term, students will be learning and rehearsing an exciting routine for the end of year production. During this students will need to demonstrate and develop their singing and movement skills and their ability to collaborate and perform with confidence.

**EAL (Ms. Nurin Najmina)**

This term, we will be focusing on the topic 'You look great' and 'She's the winner'. The students are going to identify the differences between present simple /present continuous, use adjectives to describe clothes, skim and scan for relevant details 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.

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**Sejarah (Mrs Sathiwathi Sinna Thamby)**

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 (Mr. Jack Beattie, Mr. Dennis Lee, Ms. Emily Tan & Mr. Vinod Shanmugam)**

During this term, students will take part in Athletics focusing on the three skills of running, throwing and jumping. Students will be run and different speeds to meet challenges focused on pace as well as increase their accuracy and coordination when throwing different distances. 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 classes will participate in a Swimming unit, where they will begin to complete activities designed to develop their freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke technique.



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## Upcoming Events

8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of the Term
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Book Week
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Thaipusam Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Thaipusam Break
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Science Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Break
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Assessment Week
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Pi Day for Secondary and Maths Day for Primary
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Reports Out
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Option Parents Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Kangaroo Maths Competition
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of Term Certificate and Easter Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Break