



# Autumn Term 2025



## Important Dates

**Thurs 18th Sept** 9am Year 6 Meet the Teacher  
**Thurs 25th Sept**—European Day of Languages  
**W/c 20th October** Reading with parents 9.00am  
 UKS2—Thursday, including parent information workshops.  
**Fri 24th October** INSET day  
**27th Oct—31st Oct** Half term  
**11th/13th November:** Parent consultations  
**Wb 17th November:** Well-being week  
**Weds 17th Dec** Christmas jumper day  
**Weds 17th Dec** KS2 Christmas lunch  
**Weds 17th Dec** Volunteer coffee 9am  
**Weds 17th Dec** Rocksteady Concert  
**Thurs 18th Dec** KS2 St Michael's Church carol service (pick up from church)  
**Fri 19th Dec** Break the rules day  
**Fri 19th Dec** 2pm End of term



## Trips / Events/ Workshops Term

**Tues 11th Nov** Armistice day service

## Drop Off / Pick Up

Collection is at 3.20pm from the KS2 playground. Please let us know if your child is walking to meet a younger sibling, meeting an adult at the school gate, walking to the rugby club or walking home.



Only Year 5 and 6 children, who have permission to walk to school independently, are allowed to bring phones into school—these are handed into the class teacher. If they walk with parents they are not allowed to bring a phone into school. We encourage phone **not** to be **smartphones**. Children are not allowed smartwatches.

## PSHE

We use the 'Jigsaw' scheme of work to teach PSHE.

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**Unit 1:** Being me in My World, where the children will explore who they are and how they fit in.

**Unit 2:** Celebrating Difference, where they will discuss similarities and differences, anti-bullying and being unique.

## Welcome to Year 6

Welcome to the start of the Autumn term. We hope you had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to giving the children more independence and responsibilities now that they are at the top of the school. We look forward to working with them on this term's exciting topics.

If you need to contact the class teacher please email:  
 harriers@northgate.sch.uk  
 hawks@northgate.herts.sch.uk

If you wish to send in a mid-morning snack for break-time, please send in something healthy like a piece of fruit or a plain biscuit. Sweets, chocolate items, crisps or nuts are not allowed. Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle with plain water.

Mrs Layer, Mrs Gitto and Mr Brown

## Topic

### **Frozen Kingdom**

Frozen Kingdom is a geography-based topic focused on the Arctic and Antarctic regions as well as the animals that live there. We link this topic to our English by re-telling the story of Ernest Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic and reading Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone.



### **Fallen Fields**

Fallen Fields is a historic topic studying World War 1. We will explore how the war started and ended and what life was like in the trenches.



## Maths

### **This term we will be covering the following areas:**

To read, write, order, compare and round numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit, including decimals. To use negative numbers in context. To be fluent in the mental recall of all times tables up to 12 x 12.

To add, subtract, multiply and divide multi-digit numbers (including decimals) using the formal written methods, including long division and multiplication.

## PE Kit

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/green tracksuit)



### **Focus for sessions:**

Autumn 1: Basketball and Tag rugby

Autumn 2: Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Football

## Home Learning

Children are expected to read to an adult for 15 minutes at least 3 times a week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. Please sign in their reading record. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis. Spelling scores are recorded in the home learning book each week by the pupils.

Tables up to 12 x 12 will be practised on a weekly basis using Timetables Rockstars.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent.

Maths and English tasks are uploaded to **Google Classroom** on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Sometimes, a topic based task will be sent home instead of English. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each.

## Reading KS2

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including **Sky Song** by **Abi Elphinstone**. All children have a reading record book, which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books weekly in your child's guided reading sessions. Children may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.