**Year 6 Curriculum Objectives**

**English**

Composition

Plan their writing by:

♣ identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own

♣ noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary

♣ in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed

Draft and write by:

♣ selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning

♣ in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action

♣ précising longer passages

♣ using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs

♣ using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]

Evaluate and edit by:

♣ assessing the effectiveness of their own and others’ writing

♣ proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning

♣ ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing

♣ ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register

♣ proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors

**Maths**

Number and Place Value

♣ read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit

♣ round any whole number to a required degree of accuracy

♣ use negative numbers in context, and calculate intervals across zero

♣ solve number and practical problems that involve all of the above.

Number (+ - / x)

♣ multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication

♣ divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long division, and interpret remainders as whole number remainders, fractions, or by rounding, as appropriate for the context

♣ divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit number using the formal written method of short division where appropriate, interpreting remainders according to the context

♣ perform mental calculations, including with mixed operations and large numbers

♣ identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers

♣ use their knowledge of the order of operations to carry out calculations involving the four operations

♣ solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why

♣ solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

♣ use estimation to check answers to calculations and determine, in the context of a problem, an appropriate degree of accuracy.

Fractions including Decimals and Percentages

♣ use common factors to simplify fractions; use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination

♣ compare and order fractions, including fractions > 1

♣ add and subtract fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers, using the concept of equivalent fractions ♣ multiply simple pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simplest form [for example, 4 1 × 2 1 = 8 1 ]

♣ divide proper fractions by whole numbers [for example, 3 1 ÷ 2 = 6 1 ]

♣ associate a fraction with division and calculate decimal fraction equivalents [for example, 0.375] for a simple fraction [for example, 8 3 ]

♣ identify the value of each digit in numbers given to three decimal places and multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000 giving answers up to three decimal places

♣ multiply one-digit numbers with up to two decimal places by whole numbers

♣ use written division methods in cases where the answer has up to two decimal places

♣ solve problems which require answers to be rounded to specified degrees of accuracy

♣ recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages, including in different contexts

Ratio and Proportions

♣ solve problems involving the relative sizes of two quantities where missing values can be found by using integer multiplication and division facts

♣ solve problems involving the calculation of percentages [for example, of measures, and such as 15% of 360] and the use of percentages for comparison

♣ solve problems involving similar shapes where the scale factor is known or can be found

♣ solve problems involving unequal sharing and grouping using knowledge of fractions and multiples.

Algebra

♣use simple formulae

♣ generate and describe linear number sequences

♣ express missing number problems algebraically

♣ find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns

♣ enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables.

Measures

♣ solve problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure, using decimal notation up to three decimal places where appropriate

♣ use, read, write and convert between standard units, converting measurements of length, mass, volume and time from a smaller unit of measure to a larger unit, and vice versa, using decimal notation to up to three decimal places

♣ convert between miles and kilometres

♣ recognise that shapes with the same areas can have different perimeters and vice versa

♣ recognise when it is possible to use formulae for area and volume of shapes

♣ calculate the area of parallelograms and triangles

♣ calculate, estimate and compare volume of cubes and cuboids using standard units, including cubic centimetres (cm3 ) and cubic metres (m3 ), and extending to other units [for example, mm3 and km3 ].

Geometry - Position and Direction

♣ draw 2-D shapes using given dimensions and angles

♣ recognise, describe and build simple 3-D shapes, including making nets

♣ compare and classify geometric shapes based on their properties and sizes and find unknown angles in any triangles, quadrilaterals, and regular polygons

♣ illustrate and name parts of circles, including radius, diameter and circumference and know that the diameter is twice the radius

♣ recognise angles where they meet at a point, are on a straight line, or are vertically opposite, and find missing angles.

♣ describe positions on the full coordinate grid (all four quadrants)

♣ draw and translate simple shapes on the coordinate plane, and reflect them in the axes.

Statistics

♣ interpret and construct pie charts and line graphs and use these to solve problems

♣ calculate and interpret the mean as an average.

**Science**

Working Scientifically

♣ planning different types of scientific enquiries to answer questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary

♣taking measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, with increasing accuracy and precision, taking repeat readings when appropriate

♣recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs

♣using test results to make predictions to set up further comparative and fair tests

♣reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of and a degree of trust in results, in oral and written forms such as displays and other presentations

♣identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

Living Things and their Habitats

♣ describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals

♣ give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

Animals including Humans

♣ identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood

♣ recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function

♣ describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Evolution and Inheritance

♣ recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago

♣ recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents

♣ identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

Light

♣ recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines

♣ use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye

♣ explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes

♣ use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

Electricity

♣ associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit

♣ compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches

♣ use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

**Art and Design**

Pupils should be taught to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.

♣ to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas

♣ to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]

♣ about great artists, architects and designers in history.

**Computing**

♣design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling or simulating physical systems; solve problems by decomposing them into smaller parts

♣ use sequence, selection, and repetition in programs; work with variables and various forms of input and output

♣ use logical reasoning to explain how some simple algorithms work and to detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs

♣ understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration

♣ use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content

♣ select, use and combine a variety of software (including internet services) on a range of digital devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information

♣ use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

**Design and Technology**

Design

♣ use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups

♣ generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design

Make

♣ select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing], accurately

♣ select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities

Evaluate

♣ investigate and analyse a range of existing products

♣ evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work

♣ understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world

Technical knowledge

♣ apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures

♣ understand and use mechanical systems in their products [for example, gears, pulleys, cams, levers and linkages]

♣ understand and use electrical systems in their products [for example, series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors]

♣ apply their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products.

Cooking and Nutrition

♣ understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet

♣ prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques

♣ understand seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed.

**History**

Pupils should continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. They should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. They should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources. In planning to ensure the progression described above through teaching the British, local and world history outlined below, teachers should combine overview and depth studies to help pupils understand both the long arc of development and the complexity of specific aspects of the content.

* a local history study
* a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils’ chronological knowledge beyond 1066

**Geography**

Locational knowledge

♣ locate the world’s countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities

♣ name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time

♣ identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)

Place knowledge

♣ understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in a European country, and a region within North or South America

Human and physical geography

♣ physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle

♣ human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water

Geographical skills and fieldwork

♣ use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied

♣ use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world

♣ use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

**Music**

♣ play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression

♣ improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music

♣ listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory

♣ use and understand staff and other musical notations

♣ appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

♣ develop an understanding of the history of music.

**Physical Education**

♣ use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination

♣ play competitive games, modified where appropriate [for example, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rounders and tennis], and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending

♣ develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance [for example, through athletics and gymnastics]

♣ perform dances using a range of movement patterns

♣ take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team

♣ compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.