

Curriculum Overview: Year 6 Autumn 1

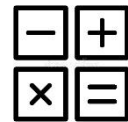


English

In English, we will use a re-told version of 'Hansel and Gretel' by Neil Gaiman and Lorenzo Mattotti to inspire the writing of our own fairy tales, told from two different perspectives. We will think carefully about how writers make word choices to affect the reader.

We will learn how to use description effectively to create atmosphere and up-level our writing with some fantastic new vocabulary and descriptive phrases.

We will also look at persuasive language and write some letters. We will study examples of formal language to help us to use a more formal tone in our letters.



Maths

We will begin by learning about integers (whole numbers) and decimals. We will explore numbers up to 10,000,000, how to round accurately and how to solve problems.

We will learn how to multiply and divide efficiently and how to solve calculations mentally.

We will then learn to use calculations to solve problems.

Angel Road Schools follow White Rose Maths. You can find more information here by [clicking here](#).

You can help at home by encouraging your child to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars.



Phonics and Reading

In reading, we be exploring more fairy tales. Our reading skills include predicting, visualising, asking questions and inferring.

Our class reader is 'Grimm Tales' by Philip Pullman.

You will be sent home a copy of your child's weekly spelling patterns. Some children will be set different spellings depending on their phonics/spelling knowledge.

You can help at home by reading every day with your child and recording it in their Reading Diary.

Geography

We are learning about spatial sense. We will learn about longitude and latitude and the Arctic and Antarctica circles. We will explore why the world is divided into time zones and we will look at how globe can be represented on different maps. We will learn how maps can help us to understand places, people and the environment.



For more information, click here to look at our [geography knowledge organiser](#).

History

In history, we will learn about World War I. We will learn the causes of World War I and how it was fought on land, at sea and in the air. We will learn about life on the Western Front for soldiers in trenches and how life changed for people living in Britain. We will learn about the consequences of the war and how it changed the world.



For more information, click here look at our [history knowledge organiser](#).

Science

In science, we will learn about the circulatory system and how blood moves around our bodies. We will what arteries, veins and capillaries are. We will learn more about what blood is and what it contains and we will conduct an investigation into how exercise can effects pulse rates.



For more information, click here to look at our [science knowledge organiser](#).

Art

We are learning about 'Art and Architecture in the Italian Renaissance'. We will draw on our Year 5 learning and see how techniques of perspective were used to great effect by the Renaissance artists. We will study the architect Filippo Brunelleschi and create clay relief tiles inspired by his design of Florence cathedral.



For more information, click here to look at our [art knowledge organiser](#).

Other Subjects

Personal Development: Ready, Respectful, Safe

PE: Cricket + Netball

Music: Voice and Body Percussion

Spanish: Where do you live in Spain?

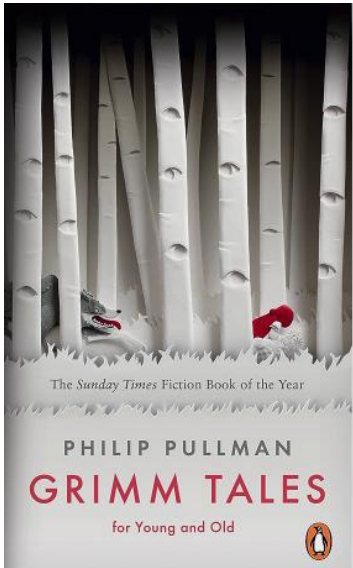
RE: Creation Stories

Computing: Programming- Variables in Games



You can find out more about our curriculum, how it has been designed and how you can help at home on our school website:

www.angelroadschools.org.uk



Our class reader is 'Grimm Tales' by Philip Pullman

We read every day.

Grimm Tales by Philip Pullman is a captivating collection of classic fairy tales retold for modern readers. Drawing on stories first gathered by the Brothers Grimm, Pullman preserves the excitement, mystery and magic of the original tales while presenting them in clear, engaging language that is accessible to young readers. The collection includes well-known stories such as *Hansel and Gretel*, *Rapunzel* and *Snow White*, alongside lesser-known tales filled with adventure, courage and cleverness.

Through these stories, children explore themes such as resilience, kindness, justice and the consequences of choices. The rich narratives provide excellent opportunities for developing reading comprehension, vocabulary and discussion skills, while also encouraging pupils to think critically about characters, settings and moral messages. Studying *Grimm Tales* allows children to experience an important part of literary heritage and to appreciate how traditional stories continue to influence modern books, films and storytelling today.



Regular Reminders

- Please **read with your child every day** and record this in their reading diary.
- Please encourage your child to practise their maths every day on 
- Our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**.
- Please send your child's **reading record and reading book** to school **every day** as an adult may read with them.
- If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, you can usually catch them at the end of the day. If you want to speak for longer, please get in touch with the school office.

Three ways your child should be reading. Is your child regularly getting all three?

<u><i>Read in their heads to themselves.</i></u>	<u><i>Read aloud to someone</i></u>	<u><i>Be read to by an adult</i></u>
 <i>A book at your child's reading level.</i>	 <i>A book either at your child's reading level or just above (because you are there to help them).</i>	 <i>Use this as an opportunity to expose your child to books slightly above their own reading level, which they wouldn't be able to access on their own.</i>

Our three school rules are:



We recognise amazing behaviour through team tokens, golden certificates and positive notes, emails and phone calls home. We also send children who have gone over and above to have their name put in the 'Golden Book', and we share their success in our whole school assembly. Look out for the certificates!