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# Island Life



**Maths** – Place value, calculation strategies and fractions

**English** – Core skills, descriptive writing

**Science** – Light

**Geography** – Compare regions in U.K. and the Caribbean

**History** – Knowledge and understanding of the Windrush generation

**Computing** – Systems and networks

**PE** – Outdoor adventurous activities and Swimming

**RE** – Beliefs and practices, Islam

**Modern languages** – Dates and numbers

**D&T** – Sheet materials

**Music** – Controlling sounds through singing and playing

**Art** – Drawing and Painting

**Core text** – Coming to England by Floella Benjamin

## Year 6

## Autumn Term 1 2021

# Glossary

The key words we will need to be able to use,  
in both discussion and in our writing:

| <b>Word</b>  | <b>Definition</b> |
|--------------|-------------------|
| reflection   |                   |
| transparent  |                   |
| translucent  |                   |
| opaque       |                   |
| luminous     |                   |
| absorb       |                   |
| periscope    |                   |
| latitude     |                   |
| longitude    |                   |
| Tropics      |                   |
| time zone    |                   |
| civilisation |                   |
| contrast     |                   |
| difference   |                   |
| significance |                   |
| analyse      |                   |
| cultural     |                   |
| economic     |                   |
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**Please help your child to complete the glossary and be able to use and spell the words. Feel free to add any additional topic related vocabulary that you think of.**

## **During the first term of Year 6, your child will be studying subjects under the theme of Island Life.**

*In order to adhere to any government COVID-19 guidelines, activities and events may have to be adapted at short notice. Please accept our apologies for this.*

They will be taking part in a series of exciting activities, which include:

- Investigating how light travels
- Creating a periscope using accurate cuts and experimenting with joins
- Exploring colours during painting to create atmosphere and light effects
- Using maps, digital maps and globes to locate, compare and contrast regions in the U.K. and the Caribbean
- Experiencing Caribbean food
- A book study of Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England'

**Your child needs your help and involvement.**

**Please get involved by:**

- Take your children to the library to research information about the U.K. and the Caribbean
- Explore maps together, discussing the symbols used and what they represent
- Discuss which countries of the world you have visited and their similarities and differences with the U.K.
- Support with a research project on a Caribbean island

## What else is happening?

### Values Education

Each month we will focus on a new value, which we will develop and encourage in all areas of school life. Please support your child and encourage them to show their values at home and let us know if they do so we can share and celebrate it at school. The whole school value for September will be **'Responsibility'** and for October will be **'Rights'**. Our Jigsaw unit for the autumn term is **'Being me in my world.'**

### Homework

Every Friday your child's homework will be posted on Google classroom. If you require a paper copy please let the class teacher know. It is expected that ALL children read a **minimum of 4 times** per week and this is recorded in their home reading records.

### Clubs

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| <b>Breakfast Club</b>               | <b>Every morning 7.45 – 8.50am</b> |
| <b>Lower Site After School Club</b> | <b>Every day 3.15 – 6.15pm</b>     |
| <b>Upper Site After School Club</b> | <b>Every day 3.15 – 6.15pm</b>     |

External Clubs will be confirmed in September 2021

### Forthcoming Events

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| Wednesday 1st September  | INSET DAY – School Closed                 |
| Thursday 2nd September   | Start of Autumn Term 1                    |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> September | Year 6 residential visit – Condoover Hall |
| Date TBA   | Visit to Caribbean restaurant             |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                      | End of Autumn Term 1                      |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November                                      | Start of Autumn Term 2                    |