

Going Beyond – Year 6 English

Places to go

- Visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London to gain a traditional theatre experience. Explore the exhibits and maybe even watch one of the plays performed there.
- The Oxford Story Museum is an excellent place to explore creative writing. With exciting exhibitions and author events, it is worth exploring their busy programme of activities at www.storymuseum.org.uk/.
- The Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden runs storytelling sessions and has excellent interactive galleries about Roald Dahl's life and books. You can even follow the village trail to find out even more about the author's life.
 - There's lots of information about Literary Festivals at www.literaryfestivals.co.uk/. The Oxford festival is in March/April but there are plenty around at different times of the year. Lots of these have events for children.

Explore online, watch, listen to

- Keep in touch with local, national and international news stories on the Newsround website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/>.
- Don't forget to explore different poets and styles of poetry. childrenspoetryarchive.org/ is a good website to get started.
- We study myths and legends towards the end of Year 6, so: myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/ is a useful website to read examples from around the world. You can even write your own and submit it online.
- The website 'No Fear Shakespeare' provides a great introduction to Shakespeare for those of you interested in some of his plays. The website translates the plays into modern English for easier understanding. nfs.sparknotes.com/.

Things to read

- Ensure that you are reading a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books. The website: www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/ is a great place to start for book recommendations. You will be able to access extracts from some of these books, many of which are available to borrow from the school library.
- Have a look at the Carnegie Book list for recent winners and shortlisted books. Although aimed at 11-14 year olds, many of these stories provide good extension material. www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/carnegie/index.php.
- We study autobiographies and biographies in Year 6, so it is useful if you are familiar with this style of writing. Roald Dahl's 'Boy' or Jamila Gavin's 'Out of India' are great places to start! • 'First News' is a children's newspaper, which is a great way of keeping in touch with current news stories. Look carefully at the layout and journalistic style used.
- Our school librarians are also excellent at recommending great books to read!

Things to do/watch

- Look for interesting articles to watch on the Newsround website and on the CBBC channel.
- One of our group texts this year is 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. A movie adaptation is also available to watch.
- TV or film adaptations may be a great introduction to classic literature. You could investigate Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' or Frances Hodgson Burnett's 'The Secret Garden,' comparing the book and the films.
- In the Lent term you may need to seek inspiration from Dragons' Den for your persuasive writing: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006vq92.

Going Beyond – Years 5 and 6 Mathematics

Places to go

- The Science Museum in London has a Mathematics Gallery to explore.
- Visit Bletchley Park to learn about code-breaking: mathematics that helped to win a war.

Things to read

- The 'Murderous Maths' books by Kjartan Poskitt are excellent.
- Logic or puzzle books are good for getting your mathematical brain working. Try a book of Sudoku or KenKen.

Explore online, watch, listen to

- There are many free apps available for tablets and smartphones that will allow you to practise your maths. Think carefully about which areas of maths you most need to work on when choosing one.
- The nrich website [nrich.maths.org/frontpage](http://rich.maths.org/frontpage) has lots of challenging puzzles and activities.
- All of these sites have fun maths games – just make sure you choose games at the right level for you.
<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>
primarygamesarena.com/Year-6
<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

Things to do/watch

- Try watching Countdown on television and playing along to test your number skills.
- <http://www.mathplayground.com/mathvideos.html> has lots of video clips on specific topics.

Going Beyond – Year 6 Science

Places to go

- Oxford University Natural History museum – look out for how predators and prey are adapted.
- The Science Museum in London has many interesting exhibits!
- The Oxford Museum of History of Science
www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/
- www.chaossience.org.uk/families_home CHaOS run science roadshows demonstrating fun experiments – they are based in Cambridge but appear in other locations too.

Explore online, watch, listen to

- The Horrible Science website www.horrible-science.co.uk/ has lots of interesting activities to explore.
- Look at the science section of the newsround website www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15743115 for the latest discoveries and stories.
- Try some of these fun experiments at home, www.sciencebob.com/experiments/

Things to read

- Any of the 'Horrible Science' series – perhaps try 'Fatal Forces' or 'Shocking Electricity'!
- The DK Eyewitness series has excellent books on a range of topics.

Things to do/watch

- Look out for documentaries about subjects that interest you – whether that is nature or space exploration.
- 'Bang Goes The Theory' on BBC has lots of good experiments.
- 'The Blue Planet' – you can get the series on DVD.

Going Beyond – Year 6 RPE

Places to go

- **Christianity** - St Paul's Cathedral, London; Westminster Cathedrals; local churches including Christ Church cathedral in Oxford.
- **Hinduism** - Bhaktivedanta Manor, Hertfordshire
www.bhaktivedantamanor.co.uk/home/
- When you go on holiday keep an eye out for local places of worship, you could take a photo or make some notes on what they look like!

Explore online, watch, listen to

- An overview of the major world religions: -
resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/Religion.html
www.uri.org/kids/world.htm
- Hinduism:
www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion/hinduism.htm
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/hinduism/diwali.shtml

Things to read

- Explore different creation stories, looking at the similarities and differences between the major world religions.
- 'What Do You Believe?' by Aled Jones may help you reflect on your own personal beliefs.

Things to do/watch

- Look out for documentaries about religions and festivals e.g. Holi, Diwali.
- A collection of clips are available about the major world religions on BBC class clips:
www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/introducing-hinduism/3628.html

Going Beyond – Year 6 History

Places to go

- The Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford is a great place to investigate artefacts from around the world. This is perfect for our study of 'Evidence' and entry to the museum is free!
- Oxford Castle
- We visit Reading Museum as part of our study of the Victorians. Other locations to further your understanding of the Victorian era include:
The Ragged School Museum, London
www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk/
The Workhouse, Southwell, Nottinghamshire
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/workhouse-southwell/
- Cogges Farm, Witney, Oxfordshire

Explore online, watch, listen to

- There is an excellent range of websites to help you explore the Victorian era. These include: • Woodlands Junior
primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians.html
- BBC Victorian Britain
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/
- Virtual Victorians victorians.swgfl.org.uk/

Things to read

- Explore a range of information books to extend your understanding of the Victorian era (living conditions, schooling, the Royal family, workhouses and factories). The Horrible History writers have an interesting and amusing selection of books, including: 'Vile Victorians' and 'Villainous Victorians.' They also give you a great insight into typical crimes and punishments and how they've changed over the years.
- These fiction stories will give you an excellent insight into what it was like to be a child in the Victorian times:
Street Child by Berlie Doherty
Workhouse, A Victorian Girl's Diary 1871 (My Story) by Pamela Oldfield.
Factory Girl (My Story) by Pamela Oldfield

Things to do/watch

- www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/by/show/horrible-histories has an excellent range of amusing clips about different periods of history.
- The '1900 House' is a series that followed the Bowler Family as they spent three months recreating life living in 1900 Britain. Clips are available:
www.channel4.com/programmes/the-1900-house/4od

Going Beyond – Year 6 Geography

Places to go

- The Earthquake Room in the Natural History Museum allows you to experience the staggering impact of an earthquake in a Japanese supermarket. • If you visit the coast (either in the UK or abroad), have a closer look at coastal features, such as the cliffs and rock formations. You may find that seaside towns have maritime museums or information boards about the coastal environment. • Try using an OS map to navigate around the local area. Look closely at the scale of the map and look at the contours to investigate the elevation.

Explore online, watch, listen to

- The Woodlands Junior website provides a good starting point for our study of India:
resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/india.html
- The BBC have excellent sites about plate boundaries:
www.bbc.co.uk/science/earth/surface_and_interior/plate_boundary_boundary
- Explore kids.nationalgeographic.com/ by searching for topics that interest you. There are lots of quizzes to try, too!

Things to read

- Familiarise yourself with OS maps of the local area and places you may visit on holiday. Look for the different map symbols and practise reading coordinates.
- Explore atlases to discover information about different places around the world. Can you identify the flags of each European country? Which countries have changed their names or borders in recent history?
- Investigate a wide range of information books (many of which are available in the school library) about our Year 6 topics: mapping; earthquakes and volcanoes; India and coasts. Some suggestions include:
Volcanoes and Earthquakes (DK Eyewitness Books)
Volcanoes (National Geographic Readers)
Geographywise: Coasts - provides a good summary of key vocabulary.

Things to do/watch

- The BBC series: 'Human Planet' and 'Frozen Planet.' • BBC 'Earth' contains excellent clips of earthquakes and volcanoes from around the world.
- The BBC 'Coast' series will give you in depth information about coastal locations in the UK.
- 'The Story of India with Michael Wood' gives you background information about India's vibrant history.