



Welcome to Year 6 at Hethersett VC Primary School September 2026



Dear Snow Leopards,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer, and I am looking forward to meeting you all again. The return to school for your child/children marks the beginning of a busy yet enjoyable year for all.

The following information is intended as a brief guide to what will be happening during the Autumn Term. There is a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday 8th September between 3:15-5:00pm where, if you would like, you are welcome to pop along to our classroom to say hello and/or explore your child's/children's learning environment this coming year. If you have any queries about anything in this newsletter or need more information at any point in the term, please don't hesitate to catch me after school or contact me via email.

Kind regards,

Mrs Clements (hclements@hethersettprimary.co.uk)

Reading

In a change to previous years, children in the KS2 will no longer have a reading record which is checked weekly. Instead, we are continuing our weekly library sessions where discussions about books and assistance available to help children enjoy the reading experiences will take priority.

Obviously, we still encourage reading to be done at home, on the beach, in the garden, wherever you fancy and children will still get plenty of opportunities within school to read independently, in groups and in class.

Library/class library books – we will have the opportunity to visit the library, as a class, once a week on a Friday morning. This is an opportunity for the children to get a new book if they need one. Children can return library books to myself at any point during the week. Whilst children are waiting for a class library session, we can utilise our fantastic class library bookshelf.

Rota for Swimming and PE lessons.

Snow Leopards have PE taught by a specialist coach from Premier Education **every Wednesday** throughout the year. So please make sure your child/children comes/come to school on this day in their PE kit. On top of this, they will have PE lessons taught by Mrs Clements during the half term that we are not swimming on Mondays, starting on Tuesday 8th September. We will begin swimming lessons with Miss Betts on the first Tuesday in the Spring term – Tuesday 5th January 2027

Please see the timetable below:

	PE with Mrs Clements – starting Tuesday 8 th September 2026	Swimming with Miss Betts – Starting Tuesday 5 th January 2027	PE with Premier Education– Starting Wednesday 9 th September 2026
Autumn 1	✓		✓
Autumn 2	✓		✓
Spring 1		✓	✓
Spring 2		✓	✓
Summer 1	✓		✓
Summer 2	✓		✓

Autumn term curriculum

Maths –Numbers and place value to 10 million, calculations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals.

English - In English, we will begin by exploring *Star of Fear*, *Star of Hope* and writing a flashback narrative. After the October half term, we will focus on non-fiction explanation texts, using *Can We Save a Tiger?* to guide us.

PE – We will be developing our leadership skills with Premier Education and outdoor and adventurous activities with Mrs Clements. After half term, Premier Education will be teaching tag rugby and Mrs Clements will be teaching dance.

Religion and Worldviews – We will be answering the following two questions each half term: 'What is God' and 'Why was the earth made?'

PSHE – My healthy self: How do my choices today shape my future wellbeing? Followed by: Connecting with others: What does it mean to stand up for myself and others?

E=Safety – Self-image and identity and online relationships.

French – We will look at the following units: French sports and the Olympics, followed by French football champions.

Computing – We will explore computer programming using the software Python.

Music – We will be exploring Four- chord pop: Playing in a band.

The following subjects will be taught in block units, with us beginning with 6 sessions of history.

Theme: Identity, systems and society

Science – Our first unit will be on living things: classifying big and small, followed by Energy: light and reflection

Art – Our autumn units will involve craft and design: photo opportunity.

Design and Technology- Digital World: Navigating the world.

History – What can the census tell us about our local area, Hethersett?

Geography – Why does population change?

General information

To help promote consistency, positive behaviour and smooth transitions throughout the day, children will line up in register order and move around the school in this way. Children will also line up before entering classrooms from outdoor areas to ensure a calm and focused start to learning.

Homework:

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- **Spellings** to be tested on a weekly basis. Spellings will be handed out on Friday 5th September. These can also be found on our website here: [Spellings | Hethersett VC Primary School](#)
- **SPaG CGP Books.** The children will be provided with a CGP Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Book. Pages to complete will be set on a Friday afternoon after work has been marked. The work will be due in on the following Friday morning. **Please DO NOT complete more than the work set as this will affect work in future weeks.**
- **Maths CGP Books:** Children will be provided with a CGP Maths book. Like the SPaG, this will set on a Friday afternoon and due in on the following Friday morning.
- Times Table Rockstars – children have home access to Times Table Rockstars in which they can brush up and/or learn their times tables. The children's logins will be stuck in their Reading Records. Please see below the house point tariff for Times Table Rockstars:

There are several different modes to play. 'Jamming' allows children to choose which times tables they want to practice. 'Garage' will use an algorithm to bring in new times table as and when the children are ready and work towards completing their 12 x 12 heatmap. 'Studio' will test children on their 1-12 times tables and enable them to get a 'studio score' which places them on the school leader board where they can compete against peers and staff! 'Soundcheck' mimics the end of year 4 times table check where the children answer 25 questions and have six seconds per question. Please see the following link for a parents and carer guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>