



Welcome to Year 6 at Hethersett VC Primary School September 2025



Dear Snow Leopards,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer, and we are 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 Thursday 4th September between 3:15-5:15pm 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.

Regards,
Year 6 team:
Mrs Clements (hclements@hethersettprimary.co.uk) and Mrs King.

Reading

During the first week, the children will be given a new reading record for the year, and I will take them down to the school library to choose a book.

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 Mrs King at any point during the week. Whilst children are waiting for a class library session, we can utilise our fantastic class library bookshelf.

Three reads = 1 HP
Four to six reads = 2 HPs
Seven reads = 3 HPs

Records will be checked on a Monday and house points given on this day.

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 Thursdays, starting on Friday 5th September. We will begin swimming lessons with Miss Betts on the first Thursday after half term – Thursday 6th November 2025.

Please see the timetable below:

	PE with Mrs Clements – starting Friday 5th September 2025	Swimming with Miss Betts – Starting Thursday 6th November 2025	PE with Premier Education– Starting Wednesday 3rd September 2025
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.

Science – Our first unit will be on living things and their habitats, followed by inheritance and evolution.

Art – Our autumn units will include exploring photography, 3D and sculpture and making salsa and guacamole.

PE – We will be developing our football skills with Premier Education and outdoor and adventurous activities with Mrs Clements. After half term, Premier Education will be teaching gymnastics and Miss Betts will take us swimming.

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

PSHE – Unit 1: Getting back Into PATHSs Unit 2: Study and Organisation Skills Unit 3: Conflict Resolution.

French – We will look at the following units: Traditions and Celebrations and The Date.

Computing – We will explore variables in games.

Music – We will be exploring the year 6 music curriculum using 'Music Express'.

Homework:

- The children will receive their history/geography/science homework as a half termly Fact File. The first fact file forms part of our history unit on the Maya culture. Children will be given a paper copy of this during our history lesson.
- **Reading:** Please ensure that children read at least 3 times per week, preferably with an adult where possible. Reading records will be collected in on **Monday** and house points given:
Reading three times a week = 1 HP
Reading between four to six times a week = 2 HPs
Reading seven times a week = 3 HPs
- **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:
Logging into play three times a week = 1 HP
Logging into play between four to six times a week = 2 HPs
Logging into play seven times a week = 3 HPs

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>