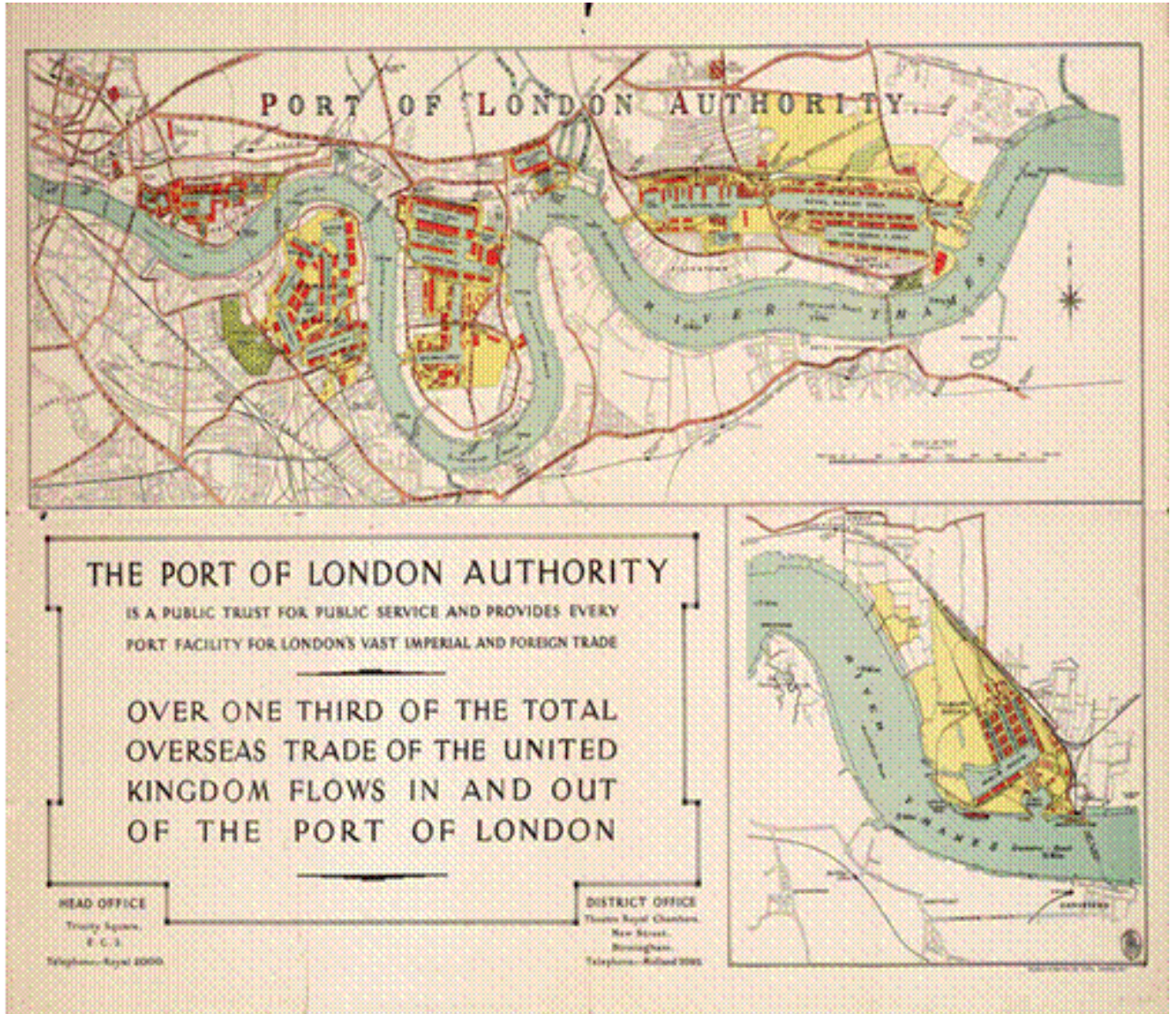


Year 6



Summer 2017 Newsletter

English:

We will continue to develop our English skills through the daily lessons which include handwriting sessions, grammar and punctuation, guided and independent reading and extended writing.

In the first half-term we will be focusing on preparing the children for the SATs examinations.

In the second half-term we will be looking at a range of texts and using them to embed skills taught throughout the year.

Maths:

The first half-term will be focusing on preparing the children for the SATs examinations, in particular, looking at reasoning and problem solving skills.

After half-term, children will be using previously taught skills to investigate and solve a range of problems.

Science:

Light - pupils will learn how to:

- Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines;
- Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye;
- Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes;
- Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

Humanities Topic:

Port of London

During the Summer term, the focus is the Port of London and how it has changed throughout history with particular emphasis on its origins with the Romans and how the port developed to become a hub of importance to London, especially during the Victorian times and the World Wars. We will also be looking at immigration and emigration and what role the port played in this. Finally, the port's current state will be investigated, with an emphasis on future development.

Religious Education:

Buddhism: The Buddhist Community worldwide

Pupils will learn:

Which places have special meaning to Buddhists?
What might Buddhists gain from visiting these places?
How do Buddhists try to live a good life?

Christianity: Leading a Christian life

Pupils will learn:

How do Christians follow Jesus and His teachings in their daily lives?
What Christian values guide the actions of the people and organisations that we study?
What are the challenges of living a Christian life today?

D&T:

This term, children will have the opportunity to participate in a project where they will design a product using CAD (Computer Aided Design) and create it on a 3D printer. They will look at existing products, design a product using CAD, print the product using a 3D printer and test and evaluate the finished product.

Computing:

Year 6 pupils will continue to work within small groups to create a four minute section of film for the Year 6 Oscars. Working independently within their groups, pupils will have to plan to utilise each member's skill and interest to create something special that showcases all the skills pupils have developed in computing lessons during their time at Sherington. Pupils will be given opportunities to use the Green Screen and Adobe effects and are encouraged to be as creative as possible.

PE:

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday for both classes. It is important to note that pupils must wear shorts, $\frac{3}{4}$ length or jogging bottoms for indoor P.E and tops must be plain blue or white T-shirts which cover shoulders due to health and safety.

Children will no longer be taking PE kits home on a Monday. PE kits should remain in school during each half term.

Homework:

Pupils will be set spelling words each week to learn.

We have asked the children to ensure that they are reading for a minimum of 20 minutes each day. We are happy for this to take the form of reading a book, newspapers, magazine or information from the internet, however we would like the children to read aloud with an adult at home at least once a week. It is important that children read a range of different books and text types to broaden their vocabulary and understanding.

Water:

It is Sherington School policy to drink plenty of water throughout the day to aid concentration and learning. Your child should bring a plastic bottle to school as soon as possible which needs to be labelled and kept in the classroom.

Uniform:

Pupils should wear a blue, yellow or white top (no motifs please!) and appropriate skirts, shorts or trousers. Please also remember that the only jewellery allowed is small stud earrings. Pupils with long hair need to come with hair tied back.

Pupils need to arrive in school at 8:50; lessons start promptly at 9:00am.