






# Year 6

## Curriculum Overview



Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer
<p><b>The Human Machine</b></p> <p><i>Focus text: Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman</i></p> 	<p><b>Evolution</b></p> <p><i>Focus texts: Skellig by David Almond</i> <i>Darwin's Origin of Species by Sabina Radeva</i></p> 	<p><b>Mountains</b></p> <p><i>Focus text: Everest by Sangma Francis</i></p> 	<p><b>Floodland</b></p> <p><i>Focus text: Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick</i></p> 	<p><b>India</b></p> <p><i>Focus texts: Just So Stories and Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling</i></p> 
<p>This half term we have a biology theme: the 'human machine'. We will investigate how our cardiovascular systems work, with particular focus on the function of the heart and organ transplants. In History and Geography, we will learn about the Maya civilisation – including human sacrifice!</p>	<p>We will learn about Charles Darwin's voyages and his theory of evolution. We will consider how species adapt to their environment, develop an understanding of how humans have evolved and learn about early humans from the Palaeolithic to the Neolithic Age.</p>	<p>This half term our main focus will be on mountains - from Mount Everest to Nine Standards Rigg. In history, we will be examining the exploits of key figures from the Heroic Age of Exploration, such as Edmund Hillary and George Mallory.</p>	<p>We will look at the global impact of climate change and the local impact of Storm Desmond and develop an understanding of how flooding occurs. We will evaluate a range of solutions to the problem, including a survey of the River Eden and the local 'Slow the Flow' scheme.</p>	<p>We will be learning about the history, art and culture of the Indian subcontinent, including the ancient civilisation of the Indus valley and the 20th century independence movement. We will investigate how Britain has had a major influence on, and been influenced by, other Commonwealth countries. We also have a mini-topic on the theme of bicycles and cycling.</p>