

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Children, well done for completing your first Half Term of Year 6. We are really proud of how well you have settled in. Keep up the good work!

General Information

Please check with your child that their pencil case contains the following: pencil, eraser, at least 3 blue ballpoint pens, glue stick (not coloured), sharpener, coloured pencils, felt tips, highlighters (green, blue and yellow) and a whiteboard pen (black or blue). We would really appreciate it if you could send in a box of tissues and some kitchen towels for the classroom if you have not done so already.

Please remember that the only jewellery allowed are stud earrings and they must be removed if possible on PE days. If they cannot be removed, then they must be covered with tape before the start of the lesson.

Curriculum Information

RE

The topic for this half-term is 'Advent to Christmas' and we will look at the symbols, actions and words associated with Advent. Pupils will be learning about the following: the Jesse Tree, O Antiphons and Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus.

Key terminology: **Genealogy, antiphon, liturgical year/calendar/seasons, Gentile, Gospel, First Testament, family tree, Jesse Tree, Psalm, Incarnation, Messiah, Emmanuel, Maranatha, Christ, Matthew and Advent.**

English

Clockwork by Philip Pullman

Using Clockwork as our class text, we will write letters, persuasive arguments and newspaper reports. We will also create a comic strip and write a narrative from the perspective of one of the characters in the book.

Reading Comprehension and Grammar/Spelling/Punctuation

We will continue to teach and revise the range of grammar and punctuation taught at KS2 and work on using this punctuation and grammar accurately in our writing across all subjects. During our guided reading sessions, we will extend the children's vocabulary by discussing the meaning of unknown words and learn the skills needed to answer different types of comprehension questions. We will also have a weekly spelling lesson where we will revise the Year 5 and 6 spelling patterns.

Maths

Fractions

Use common factors to simplify fractions and use common multiples to express fractions in the same denomination. Compare and order/add and subtract fractions with different denominators. Multiply fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers and multiply pairs of fractions. Divide fractions by whole numbers and calculate fractions of amounts.

Measurement - Converting units

Children will be working with both imperial and metric units of measure. They will also be converting between different units of measure.

Geography

Population

Children will be learning how to define population and migration, about multi-ethnic London and Cardiff, the Welsh language and culture, and Welsh and British identity.

History

Roman Empire

This Half Term, children will be building on their learning about the Roman Republic and move on to learning about the Roman Empire. Pupils will be exploring the Roman army and learning about Julius Caesar. They will also be learning about the first emperor, Augustus, and the emperors, Claudius and Nero. Children will be looking at Pompeii, the eruption of Vesuvius and the Jewish-Roman War.

Design and Technology

Design, create and evaluate a 3-D frame structure.

Science

Our topic this half-term is 'Light'. We will look at how light travels in straight lines, identify light sources and explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

PE/Games

Indoor PE - Putting on a performance (Dance)

Outdoor Games - Invasion Games

Computing

We are computational thinkers

In this unit, pupils participate in some hands-on unplugged activities which help them to develop an understanding of some important algorithms. They also investigate these when implemented as Scratch programs.

Have a wonderful, well-deserved break,

The Year 6 team.