

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.

We will continue to have indoor PE on a Tuesday and outdoor PE on a Thursday. 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

Before starting our RE topic this half term, we will be learning about the Islamic faith in the first week back. The topic for this half-term is 'Advent to Christmas'. We will look at the symbols, actions and words associated with Advent and how we conclude the Liturgical year on the Feast of Christ the King. We will be focusing on what it means to live Christmas through the gospel of Mark.

Key terminology: Advent, Liturgical calendar, Gospel, Solemnity, Christ the King, Messiah, precursor, Isaiah, John the Baptist, Old Testament, Prophet, Israelites

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 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

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.

Before we move on, we will conclude our learning from before half term on this topic. This will include order of operations, multi-step problems, using mental strategies and estimation.

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

Oceans

We will be learning about the difference between an ocean and a sea, how oceans are used for trade and how oceans link to climate. We will be looking at land masses, and how oceans can affect climate change. Finally, we will look at the human impact on oceans.

History

Anglo Saxons

When learning about Anglo Saxons, we will look at land and sea attacks, migrations, connected kingdoms. We will also learn about Mercia and what was found at Sutton Hoo.

Art

This half term, our Art topic is 'Drawing – Making my voice heard'. The children will experiment with mark making and symbolic imagery. They will learn the drawing technique of chiaroscuro. We will also look at street art.

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.

Music

Children will have a weekly lesson with Mr Charles-Nelson. The topic this half term is “Winter celebrations.”

French

The children will have a half hour lesson each week. The topic this term is “At school”

RHE

This term in RHE the children will be focusing on their emotional well-being and learning more about human life cycles.

We are very much looking forward to another fun-filled half term.

Miss Bowling and Mr Rose