

# This half term Year 6 are learning about:



## English

In English, the children will be exploring a short video clip (Alma). Their first written response to this will be a persuasive leaflet. As part of this, the children will practise creating expanded noun phrases to entice. Next, we will move onto creating short descriptions and narratives. The children will also learn to use the active/passive voice and apply this knowledge when writing a crime scene report.

We have grammar, handwriting and spelling sessions within the week where we will be continuing to revisit key rules as well as working on using a legible, joined handwriting style.

In reading, we will begin by looking at how best to answer 3-mark questions, ensuring that evidence from the text is used to support points. Later in the half term, we will focus on theme and gist. We will also be finishing our class book, 'Phoenix' by SF Said.

## Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will start the half term by completing our 'Position and Movement' unit. After this, the children will move onto their 'Graphs and Averages' topic. Within this, we will learn about averages, calculate the mean, read pie charts and line graphs, and revisit converting miles and kilometres. Before half term, we will also cover both 'Ratio' and 'Algebra'. During their lessons on ratio, children will compare quantities and solve ratio word problems. In their sessions on algebra, they will learn to use algebra to describe a pattern and also how to solve simple algebraic equations.

The children will continue to hone their arithmetic skills through Morning Work sessions and regular testing, and will continue to develop their reasoning skills (revisiting previously taught content) through daily Flashbacks at the start of each mathematics lesson.

## History: Ancient Greece

In History, the children be learning who the Ancient Greeks were and place their civilisation in time. We will then move onto understanding the different types of government in Ancient Greece, comparing the two city-states of Athens and Sparta. We will also use sources to find out about daily life in Greece, find out about religion, and explore the legacy of Greek scholars and philosophers.

## Science: Changes in Humans to Old Age

In Science, the children will begin by comparing the two types of reproduction. They will then focus on describing the changes in humans as they develop to old age. As part of this, they will look at how babies grow, the changes that take place during puberty and the gestation periods of different animals compared to humans and the correlation between gestation and life expectancy.

## Art: Painting

In Art, the children will explore the work of the famous Pop Artist, Andy Warhol. They will learn about complementary colours and practise drawing and then replicating an image. We will plan, create (using paint) and evaluate a piece of artwork in the style of Andy Warhol, based around an everyday object.

## PE

In dance, the children will have the opportunity to compose individual, partner and group dances, show a change in pace and timing in their movements and modify a sequence because of self and peer assessment. In athletics, children will run for both speed (sprinting) and distance (pacing themselves), learn how to perform a heave throw and jump for both height and distance.

## Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 6 include:

- encouragement
- optimism
- confidence
- courage & risk-taking
- compassion
- teamwork

## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child, recording this in the Reading Diary.
- ❖ Encourage your child to complete their homework.
- ❖ Encourage your child to use their TTRS login to practise their times tables.

## RE/PSHE



Year 6 will begin the half term with their 'Serving' topic ('Witnesses'). During this, children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the Holy Spirit and consider how we can all become witnesses to the Good News – just like Paul, Timothy, Stephen and Lydia did in the New Testament.

After this, Year 6 will begin their next topic ('Healing') in which we will explore caring for those in need, making links to Scripture (for example: 'The parable of the Good Samaritan')

## PSHE

Our Mission Circle/Circle Time themes for Pentecost 1 are as follows: Missionary Discipleship, Faith, Vocation, Witness, Example and Communication. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups.



## Computing and RSE

The children will start the half term by finishing their blogging unit. This will involve writing and commenting on a blog. After this, we will move onto RSE. We will be focusing on units within Module 1, 'Created and Loved by God', which focusses on the individual. As part of this, the children will learn about 'Me, My body, My Health' with sessions on gifts and talents and also on girls' and boys' bodies.