

This half term Year 6 are learning about:



English

In English, we will be using "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan as the inspiration for our lessons. We will explore characters, emotions, different points of view and the challenges faced by characters. Through the sequence of learning, children will write short scripts for scenes and narrative passages to describe what is happening at certain points in the book.

We also have grammar, handwriting and spelling sessions timetabled each week.

This half term, Year 6 will be reading 'Fly Me Home' by Polly Ho-Yen Rundell during Whole Class Reading and practising VIPERS (Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, Summarise). In Story Time, we will begin with a short story: "Blackberry Blue" by Jamilla Gavin.

Mathematics



Year 6 will start by developing their understanding of numbers – reading, writing, comparing, ordering, and rounding numbers up to 10 million. We will also revisit Roman Numerals and practise counting forwards and backwards through zero, interpreting negative numbers in context. The children will then focus on developing efficient mental and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; tackling open ended problems to promote mathematical reasoning. Alongside this, we will learn about the order of operations and solve calculations.

The children will continue to hone their arithmetic skills through Morning Work sessions and regular testing. As well as regularly revisiting content through Flashbacks at the start of lessons.

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 how modern-day life has been influenced by the ancient Greeks.

Science: Heart and Circulatory System

In Science, we will be learning about the function of the heart and the role it plays in the circulatory system. We will also learn about the function of blood vessels and blood as well as how nutrients are transported around the body. The children will investigate the effects of exercise on pulse rate and learn about the importance of regular exercise as well as how diet affects the body. We will end by looking at how drugs and alcohol affect how the body functions.

Art: Drawing – Perspective

In Art, the children will be learning perspective drawing. This will include using light/dark shading and how to use a focal point. The children will look at the work of various Renaissance artists that use perspective in their work, before practising the skills needed to plan and create a final piece (a street view) inspired by the work they have looked at.

PE

In athletics, the children will develop their running, jumping and throwing techniques. In OAA, the children will take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team. In fitness, children will learn how to select the most appropriate pace for the distance and their fitness level to maintain a sustained run. In all units of work, the children will be encouraged to compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.

Key Vocabulary

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

- refugee
- immigration
- perspective
- democracy
- unconditional
- nutrients
- circulatory

Things to do at home:

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

RE/PSHE



Year 6 will begin the year by studying 'Loving', a topic in which they explore the love and care that people show to others, including those in need. They will gain an understanding that God's love is unconditional and never ending.

This half term, we will also explore another faith: Judaism. In these lessons, the children will explore Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; celebrations which mark the new year of the Jewish calendar.

PSHE

In our Mission Circles/Circle Time, we will be exploring the following themes: Welcome, Encounter and Media Literacy, Outreach and Community, Dialogue and the British Value of Democracy, Listen and Friendship and Rosary and Family. In all these areas, the children will discuss the key concept, and reflect on how it relates to their own lives.

Latin

This term, children will begin learning Latin. They will study units titled: 'Meet the Family', 'Food, Glorious Food!' and 'Work, Work, Work'. During the lessons, children will learn to introduce themselves and greet one another, retell the stories of Perseus and Medusa, Daedalus and Icarus and Pandora's Box, learn to recognise whether nouns are masculine or feminine and use different Latin verbs, discover what food was eaten by the Romans and also find out about the lives of slaves in Roman times.