

Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 6 / Autumn 1

English

This half-term we are taking inspiration from the book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. During our writing lessons we will be:

- Writing a diary entry from a character's point of view.
- Writing a persuasive letter based on events from the book.
- Writing a set of instructions on how to be a good friend.

In reading, we are reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, to support us with the development of our inference skills.

Mathematics

This half term we will begin with building upon prior knowledge of place value, including representing numbers up to 1,000,000 and using negative numbers in context.

We will then spend four weeks advancing our understanding of the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Finally, to round off the term, we will start to simplify and compare fractions, whilst moving into adding and subtraction them too.

Science

In science, we will be exploring evolution and inheritance. Charles Darwin's theory of evolution will be explored through the unit. We will begin with looking at human evolution and how living things have changed over time. We will explore fossils that provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago. We will look at variants in the offspring that living things produce and how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways.

Homework

It is essential that your child completes all homework set. This will include:

- Learning spellings for their weekly test on a Friday (find on Seesaw)
- Reading each night for 15 minutes
- A school set maths and English based activity on Seesaw
- Using the websites sent home to practice their skills using a variety of APPS

History

The Vile Victorians! But were they *really* vile? This half term we will be exploring the history of the Victorian era and specifically in the later lessons, the crime and punishment which criminals were subject too. We will be discussing whether the consequences for certain crimes were justified, whilst comparing it to the current justice systems around the world today.

Computing

With the ever-growing importance of technology, we will be learning how we communicate safely using technology and the internet, with the result being the children creating their own blogs!

DT

In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating a model bird hide. We will be inspired by products already available and think carefully about the features needed to make it fit for purpose.

PE

Throwing and catching will be the skills most called upon in PE this half term, as the children (and teachers) develop their skills around the game of handball.

RE/ PSHE

In PSHE the children will be expanding their self-perception of emotions and feelings, whilst continuing to learn more about celebrating diversity, and challenging discrimination, prejudice and stereotyping.

In RE, we will be asking the question: What do sacred texts and other sources say about God, the world and human life?

Music

We will be starting our weekly guitar sessions and also continuing with our weekly singing assemblies.

Growth Mindset

Our Growth Mindset focus this half term is to show optimism. We want to show our children to always look for the positives and believe that they can make good things happen.



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