

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

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Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 6 this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child.

Subject	
Literacy	Children are continuing to explore and create their own 'Twisted Tales'. They will adapt a traditional tale to write in a different genre, perspective or role. Children will then create an information page about a new species of animal that they have created. They will apply the Year 6 skills that they have been learning.
Numeracy	This half term, we are continuing to work on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then move on to geometry: comparing and classifying shapes, drawing 2D shapes, 3D shapes and nets, missing angles, co-ordinates, translation and reflection.
Science	In Science this half term, our topic is Earth, Sun and Moon. Children will be learning how we have day and night and the four seasons. They will also be finding out about how Earth orbits the Sun and the Moon orbits Earth.
Topic – History	In History, we be learning about the changing power of monarchy. We will look at Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and England's victory in the Spanish Armada. Then, they will look at the different accounts of Charles I's execution. Finally, they will learn about how the power of the monarchy changed in Tudor and Stuart times.
ICT	Children will be developing their coding skills using Purple Mash. They will be programming a range of variables and objects by giving a sequence of instructions.
RE	This half-term, children will be looking at the symbolism behind the concept of flight relating this to their own lives and other religions.
PE	Outdoor: children will be learning the basic concepts of hockey and applying these to a variety of drills. Sending, receiving, movement, rules, tactics and formations will all be covered. This will then lead into the children playing hockey at a competitive level. Indoor: children will have the opportunity to experience 'street dance' and learn new dance techniques from a specialist dance teacher. They will learn a bank of key street dance skills and then apply these to routines.
Music	This half term in Music, we will be going back to Tudor times, learning some songs, dances and instrumental pieces of the period and creating our own fanfares for a royal Tudor banquet.
Art / DT	The children will be focusing on drawing still-life objects. They will be learning how to hold a pencil and use correct pencil strokes when using tone and shading to create a 3D effect. They will also learn how to blend when shading from light to dark and how to choose the correct strength of graphite.
MFL / French	After focusing on listening skills last half-term, the children will work on speaking this half-term through the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They will work on sounds and spellings, and will recognise the importance of gender in French. They will learn some adjectives and revise how to make feminine agreements. We will finish with group performances of this fairy tale, which will no doubt be very exciting! If the children wish to practise their French further with some fun and games, please visit the Lingotot website at www.lingototschools.com (username: hollybrook, password: hollybrook1), where they will find many language games to help them learn and remember their vocabulary.