

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 2 2017

Already autumn 2! We are very impressed with your children so far! As expected, the children have continued to settle in extremely well and have shown a thirst for learning. We are starting to see more resilience from the children as well as increased independence. 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 have been exposed to a range of Year 6 skills this half term and will continue to finish off their unit of Greek Myths by writing their own myth. We will then be moving onto our journalistic unit, where they will investigate like a journalist, write reports and narratives linked to a disappearance. Children will also be starting to look at "Twisted Tales" and will be adapting traditional tales to write in a different genre.
Numeracy	The key areas we will be targeting this half term are division before moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages. Half an hour arithmetic sessions will also continue to happen every week.
Science	In Science, we are continuing to learn about the properties and changes of materials. We are still comparing and grouping everyday materials, testing a variety of them in different conditions and understanding the changes that happen. We will be looking at irreversible changes and reversible changes too.
Topic – Geography	In Topic, we are studying rivers. The children will be learning about local and major world rivers. They will find out about the journey of a river and the water cycle.
ICT	Internet safety continues to be a key focus this half term. Children will be learning to use technology safely, recognise acceptable/ unacceptable behaviour and they will also learn ways of reporting concerns.
RE	Our focus for this half term is the concept of interpretation. We will be discussing why people have different interpretations of the same story/situation. We will move onto looking at how and why there are different interpretations of the nativity story.
PE	During PE this half term, health and fitness is the key focus. Skipping, circuits and team challenges will be part of the unit. Children will also explore shape and balance in gymnastics and analyse each other's performances.
Music	This half term we focus on African music, singing a range of African songs and learning how African dance music is made up of repeating cyclic patterns. We will learn some drumming techniques and cyclic patterns to play, using a set of djembe drums. We will also be learning some songs in preparation for our whole school Christmas performances in the last week of term.
Art / DT	The art theme for this half term is landscapes. Emphasis will be placed on terms such as foreground, mid-ground and distance. Children will learn the skills of drawing using perspective and painting to produce their own landscapes. The artist David Hockney will be the inspiration for some elements.
MFL (French)	After having learnt about the weather, days of the week and transport in the first half-term, we are now going to focus on giving and understanding different opinions. The children will continue to gain confidence in manipulating numbers and learn further expressions for likes and dislikes. They will begin to learn about the Euro and will perform a shopping role play. 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.