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Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



English

We will begin the year with a recovery curriculum, moving on to covering units on fiction, letter writing and persuasive texts this term. Our first class reading book will be "The Eye of the Wolf". The children will also have lessons on handwriting and grammar on a weekly basis, and a new comprehensive approach to spelling, where they will have daily lessons. We will also be studying texts, which link to our history topic about the First World War.

Mathematics

We will look at number and place value which we will link to fractions, decimals and percentages. We will develop mental calculation strategies, as well as using formal written methods for problem solving and reasoning. We will be introducing algebra, the orders of operation and extending knowledge of geometry, ratio and proportion.

Science

Our first science topic will be materials, where the children will test different materials and their properties; consider how they can be changed; and whether the changes can be reversed.

Computing

We will be using Purple Mash to develop our coding skills. This will allow pupils to create and adapt their own programs, using debugging to improve the finished project. We will also think about staying safe online.



PE

Year 6's PE day will be on a Tuesday. This year, pupils will need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE day, as we cannot change clothing safely under Covid regulations in school. This should be suitable for wearing all day, and warm enough for outdoors. We will study rounders and gymnastics.

RE

Our topic is justice. We will be looking at how different religions encourage justice and fairness; how prominent figures have fought for equality and freedom; and how initiatives such as fair trade have contributed to better world equality.

History

A study asking 'How did the First World War affect our local community?' will involve children looking at the school's archives and other primary source material.

Geography

Our topic is rivers and we will be exploring the local river, learning about the natural features of the course of a river as well as the impact of humans on river environments.

Art & Design

This term we will be focussing on self-portraits and figure drawing in art. We will also use a range of media and materials to create 3D models linked to this topic, and our literacy topic of the First World War.

PSHE

We will use these sessions to support children in their return to school, following the Covid closures. We will help them to understand how to deal with the many emotions that they may be feeling at this time.

French

In French we will learn about 'Life in my Home' focussing on key vocabulary for household rooms and objects. We will then use this in context to describe the position and relationships between these items.

Design Technology

In design technology, we will be designing and creating pop-up books based around well-known stories and nursery rhymes. Pupils will design a range of different inputs and outputs to make their books engaging.

Important Points

- PE Day – Tuesdays: children to come to school wearing their PE kit.
- Homework: homework will be part online and part worksheet. Online tasks will be set on a Friday, and will need to be completed by Wednesday to earn 2 dojos. A worksheet will be sent home to compliment the online activity, but must not be returned to school, due to Covid regulations.
- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated. Please do not send juice, squash or other sugary drinks.
- Children are also asked to bring a bag to school to take home reading books, letters and homework, etc.
- If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher for any reason, please inform the office who will make an appointment for you.