

MATHS

As we move through the spring term, the children will extend previous learning about Decimals before making links with fractions and percentages. We will then be covering Ratio and proportion followed by Algebra. As always, children are encouraged to use a range of concrete materials, manipulatives and pictorial representations to aid and enhance their understanding. Following this, we will explore area, perimeter and volume for a couple of weeks before concluding with a unit on Statistics. In order to ensure that children are secure with the Year 6 written calculation methods, we will continue our weekly arithmetic quizzes, addressing gaps as they arise.

COMPUTING

This year, Year 6 will be using chromebooks during their computing lessons. They will continue to use google drive to publish and present their writing projects. We will learn about online safety and best practise when gaming or using the internet. In Spring 2, we are going to design and build our own websites, linked to our topic.

ITALIAN

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This term the children will cover units called Clothes and At School. Children will learn key words and phrases.

PE

This term, Indoor PE will be fitness and gymnastics. Children will be developing their coordination and strength skills. Outdoor PE will be football for this half term and then basketball for Spring 2.

ENGLISH

Our first half-term's Guided Reading text will be chapters from Black and British by David Olusoga as well as some poetry from WW2. We will read an abridged version of the Diary of Anne Frank and a moving picture book called Rose Blanche as we begin our study of WW2. The writing focus will be biographies and children will be encouraged to write about a family member if possible. Our writing focus will be persuasive letters and so I will be encouraging the children to choose a local issue that they feel passionately about. Some historical fiction set during WW2. After half term, Our Guided Reading text will be Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll, which is a mystery set in World War 2.

SCIENCE

Year 6 will begin our Light topic, investigating how light travels, how we see and explaining why shadows have the same shape as the objects casting them. We will also explore the effects of light pollution. The second half of the term will be about the circulatory system and how our bodies work. We will also cover the impact of diet, drugs and lifestyle.

HISTORY

World War 2 will be the main focus of the first half term, exploring the politics, events, people and places that were involved. The first half-term will focus on events in Germany that enabled the Rise of Hitler and the NAZI party. We will look at life on the Homefront during WW2 –for evacuees - but also look at some unsung heroes from 'the Empire' by reading Bali Rai's Now or Never.

MUSIC

The children will continue to have music lessons with our specialist music teacher Mrs Shanahan. She will focus on teaching the children songs linked to their topic and skills necessary for percussion instruments. The children will continue to have djembe drumming lessons with Nathan.

ART & DT

We will work with Bow Arts Consortium and artist on a tile project over three days. Our focus artist this term is the sculptor, Henry Moore; focusing on Moore's tube shelter drawings from the 1940s, the children will explore tone and use a variety of drawing media. We will continue to use our sketchbooks to develop skills in mark-making and mixed media. In our design lessons, we will be completing a project called 'Take A Seat'.

RE

In RE, children will be learning about the structure and importance of religious texts, particularly the Bible. Together, we will fine tune our referencing skills and our understanding of the significance of different readings, prayers and hymns. As part of our curriculum looking at other faiths, we will explore the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

YR 6 SPRING Friend or Foe?

