

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2018-19

Maths

This term, our maths is mainly focussed around number work. The children will consolidate their knowledge on place value and will be learning how to read, write and order numbers to ten million.. Additionally, they will recap the four rules of number and learn some quick, mental methods of calculation. After half term, our maths focus will be on Number properties, fractions and geometry. We will learn the methods to improve our fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.

Please encourage your child to practise the times tables (up to 12x12) regularly and learn the division inverse.

Physical Education

The children will be learning the rules and skills of football, basketball and improving their gymnastics abilities and general fitness.

History

In History, we will be studying the Second World War, and considering its impact home and abroad. We will be looking at timelines of events and key moments, and exploring everyday life during the war. In October, we have arranged for a fantastic visitor to come in to school and give the children a taste of what life in the war was like – we would like the children to dress up in typical 1940's clothing and will give further information, tips and advice in the coming weeks

English

We will start this year off by reading and studying the book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo – following the adventures of two boys from London who are evacuated to the countryside. Before Christmas, we will be studying the picture book 'Rose Blanche' by Roberto Innocenti and Ian McEwan. The story follows a young German girl at the start of World War Two. We will continue to develop and deepen our reading comprehension skills using weekly comprehensions. In their weekly SPaG lessons, the children will recap the basics and then learn how to use commas to mark phrases and clauses; the use of conjunctions; active and passive voice; prepositions and articles within a sentence.

Children will take home spellings to practise for the weekly spelling test– please encourage your child to practise these. Homework will be set each Thursday to be returned on Monday.



**If you have any resources or expertise which you feel would support our work this half term, please don't hesitate to send them in or contact the Year 6 staff.
Mrs Coletta, Miss Donlon, Mrs McKinna & Miss Shaw.**

Computing

The children will start this year looking at Digital Literacy focusing on keeping safe online through Google Smart: Be Internet Legends and the My First Mobile course (further details to follow)

RE

The children will explore the term 'compassion' and how it is shown within some of the major world religions including charity work.

PSHE

On a daily basis, the children will be shown CBBC's Newsround – a short round of key current events occurring globally, appropriate to children.

Art

In this unit, we will be studying the works of the local Yorkshire artist Henry Moore, in particular his war-based artworks on air-raid shelters. The children will be studying form, light and perspective in order to create their own shelter sketch in Moore's style.

French

We will be looking at key vocabulary and phrases linked to classroom routines, furniture, subjects and equipment. We will be re-visiting how to use describing words and phrase questions.

Science

The children will be learning about the Circulatory System, paying particular attention to how blood is pumped through the heart. The children will also conduct a number of scientific investigations to help deepen their own understanding.

After half term, the children will be studying the unit Light and sight, where they will recognise how light travels through various investigations and understand how we see objects.