

Welcome to Year 6!

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English

This term we will be focusing on the unit of work entitled 'The City of Silence' which focuses on poetry. We will be looking at the structure of different poems and using these to create our own list poems and those with a repeat pattern. We will practise using expanded noun phrases, alliteration and juxtaposition.

We will read the text 'Kidnapped' and use this as a stimulus for creating our own quest tale.

Finally, we will watch the short animation 'The Piano' and use this story to build a narrative using flashback techniques.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be learning about:

- Decimals
- Percentages
- Algebra
- Measurements: Converting units
- Measurement: Perimeter, area and volume
- Ratio
- Statistics

In addition to these units of learning, we will also be revisiting previously taught knowledge through our mixed-topic starter of the day. We will also continue to practise basic maths skills such as times tables.



Reading / Phonics

In reading this term, we will be using our Reading Explorers scheme to help us to develop:

- Literal retrieval skills
- Word knowledge and authorial word choice
- Deductive and inferential skills

In addition to this, we will have a daily 30-minute accelerated reading session to practice our independent reading skills and we will also have a D.E.A.R (drop everything and read) session where we listen to the teacher read a story that we have chosen together. This is our favourite part of the day!



Science

In science this term, we will be learning about: nutrition, the importance of exercise, different systems with the body and more. We will investigate how water and nutrients are transported in the circulatory system and recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on how our bodies function.



History

In History this term, we will be learning about: the changing roles and rights of women from ancient times to today. From the law of coverture to modern maternity employment law, We will think about the ways in which women have been oppressed and the ways in which they have fought for equality, including the suffragettes and second-wave feminism of the 1970s.



Geography

In Geography this term, we will be learning about: the countries, culture and geography of South America. We will learn about the climate, geographical features, industries and people of South America through a range of fun activities, giving us an insight into how life in South America is different to life here in the UK.



Art

In Art this term, we will be learning: How to confuse and astound! We will find out all the tricks of the trade to discover how artists play with perspective, line and colour to create clever and mind-bending illusions, including trompe l'oeil, optical art and much more.



Design and technology

In D&T this term, we will be learning about: A variety of rotating fairground rides. We will then be designing and making our very own ride using an electrical motor.



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Music

In Music this term, we will be learning about:

Benjamin Bitten's music and cover versions. Within this we will develop our knowledge and skills in:

- Listening and appraising
- Singing and playing largely in tune
- Improvising and composing music
- Performing

After half-term we will learning about the music of Carole King.



French

In French this term, we will be developing our vocabulary and skills in:

- Speaking and listening
- Reading
- Writing

Through the context of 'At the cafe'. After half-term our context will be 'now and then'.



RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about:

- How and why people care about the environment
- Why Good Friday and Easter day are the most important days for Christians



Computing

In Computing this term, we will be learning about: the creation of websites for a chosen purpose.

We identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate our own website using Google Sites. Throughout the process We pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, the aesthetics of the site, and navigation paths.



We will also be learning about spreadsheets. We will be supported in organising data into columns and rows to create our own data set. We will be taught the importance of formatting data to support calculations, while also being introduced to formulas and will begin to understand how they can be used to produce calculated data. We will be taught how to apply formulas that include a range of cells, and apply formulas to multiple cells by duplicating them. We will use spreadsheets to plan an event and answer questions. Finally, we will create graphs and charts, and evaluate our results in comparison to questions asked.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be following our JIGSAW scheme to learn about:

- Dream and Goals
- Relationships



PE

This term, our PE day will be a Thursday.

Children will need to come in with appropriate clothing, including: a white/sky blue t-shirt or polo, navy blue shorts and black plimsoles or trainers. This term, our PE focus will be:

- Dance
- Outdoor and Adventurous Activities

Through these units we hope to learn and perform our very own dance routine and apply practical outdoor skills.

