



YEAR 6 NEWS

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Dear Parents/ guardians,
Here is an overview of our learning for this half term. Please see the key learning sheets sent home for more detail on our geography and science learning.

Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

- Fractions (comparing, ordering, add/subtract, multiply divide, fractions of amounts, simplify, fractions on a number line)
- Geometry - Position and direction (four quadrants, translations, reflections)
- Decimals (3 dp, multiply & divide by 10, 100 and 1000, multiply and divide decimals by integers, decimals as fractions)

We will be carrying out reasoning activities on each of these areas to focus on mastery of the year 6 curriculum. We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables. We will have weekly arithmetic/mental maths tests to ensure quick recall.

English - Journey to the River Sea

Our writing will be based on the book 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will be writing a letter home, a tourism leaflet, a diary in role, and poetry linked to the theme of South America.

In grammar we will focus on:

Different word classes:

- Nouns & verbs
 - Adjectives and adverbs
 - Subject & object
 - Determiners, conjunctions & prepositions
 - Identifying all word classes in sentences.
- Subjunctive form:
- Was/ were
 - Recognising & using subjunctive form

Our spelling will focus on the patterns:

- ance/ancy, ent, ence/ency
- ible/able, ably/ibly
- adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in -fer
- The second column of the year 5/6 word list.

RE

In RE, we will continue our topic focus of 'belonging' with a focus on vocation and commitment. We will look at the commitment in life and vocation of the priesthood and religious life.

We will continue to develop our knowledge of other world faiths by learning about Judaism. We will learn about Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Mitzvah day.

Our final topic will focus on 'Advent/Christmas - Loving'. We will look at the theme of expectation and welcoming Jesus. We will discuss the prophet's, Mary's and John the Baptist's expectation of the messiah before exploring Christ's promise that he will come again.

Geography - South America

We will find out about the countries of South America, the major mountain ranges, the trade industry, the human geography (population, jobs, religions, and capital cities), climate and an in-depth study of one country.

Science - Circulation

We will look at 'Circulation'. We will investigate:

- The parts of the circulatory system and their functions.
- How water and nutrients are transported.
- How to ensure a healthy lifestyle.
- The effect of drugs and alcohol on the system.

Computing - Internet Safety

This term we will be focusing on how to stay safe on the internet. We will focus on: cyberbullying, secure websites, people online and what to do if you are unsure about something happening online.

Art/ D&T

In art, we will be making South American dream catchers and murals. In D&T, we will be using our sewing skills to make a Christmas gift.

PSHE - Bullying & Drug education

In PSHE, we will look at the different forms of bullying and the consequences of cyber bullying before looking at strategies for getting support. In our drug education topic, we will look at the effect of drugs on the body and how to make informed choices.

Music - Songs

In preparation for our Young Voices trip in January, we will begin learning the songs and dance moves so that we are ready for a show stopping performance!