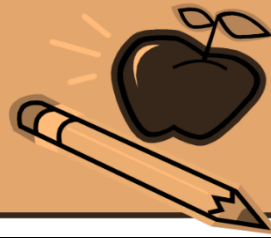


YEAR 6 NEWS



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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. It would be helpful if you could look at these regularly with your child and talk about what they've been 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, adding and subtracting mixed numbers)
- Converting units of measurement

We will be carrying out reasoning activities on each of these areas to focus on mastery of the year 6 curriculum.

English - The Boy in the Tower and Paradise Sands.

Our writing will be based on the books 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen and "Paradise Sands" by Levi Pinfold. We will be looking at narrative and journalistic writing as well as how to write formal letters and non-chronological reports as if we were in the story ourselves.

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 - Spreadsheets

This term we will be focusing on how to use spreadsheets (Excel). We will look at how to use formulas for calculations, insert graphs and use spreadsheets for a specific purpose.

Art/ D&T

In art, we will be making South American dream catchers and murals.

PSHE - Bullying & Drug education

In PSHE, we will look at the different forms of 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 February, we will begin learning the songs and dance moves so that we are ready for a show stopping performance!