

Year 6 Autumn Curriculum Overview



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the children back to school and into year 6. Outlined are the main topics that we will be learning about during the autumn term. **Please don't hesitate to come and see me after school if you have any questions.**

English

This term, we will begin our English lessons by exploring the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. This incredible book, about an evacuee called William, provides a fantastic basis for the children to write their own evacuee stories. We will also get the opportunity to write diary entries from the varying perspectives of the characters in the text.

Later this term, we will also get to write some newspaper reports using cross-curricular links. We will explore The Coventry Blitz and write and publish our own reports. Also, the children will get the opportunity to explore film narrative as we study 'The Piano' by Aiden Gibbons.

The key objectives we will cover this term are:

- Developing character, setting, plot and atmosphere in detail through a range of techniques e.g. colloquialism in dialogue, pathetic fallacy etc.
- Integrating dialogue with action to keep the pace of a narrative.
- Using a range of conjunctions and multiple clauses in a sentence.
- Revise punctuation learned across KS2 and apply this in our writing.

Mathematics

This term, our key objectives in Maths will be:

- To revise and secure our understanding of formal written methods and apply these problems in context.
- Reads and writes numbers up to 10,000,000 and knows the value of each digit
- Compares and orders numbers up to 10,000,000
- Knows the value of digits in number with up to 3dp
- Develop our understanding of how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators
- To compare fractions with different denominators

As always, there will be an emphasis on applying such objectives in context through opportunities for reasoning and mastery.

These are just some of the key objectives for mathematics in year 6. There will be many other objectives which will be covered over the course of the year.



Religion

Initially this term, our religion lessons will begin with the unit 'The Story of the People of God'. During this unit, we will develop children's knowledge of the structure of the Bible. As the unit progresses, we will begin to identify and use different styles of literature found in the Bible, with the children eventually writing some examples of their own. In recalling significant Old Testament stories children will understand that God called the people of Israel into a relationship with him and that they in their turn were asked to respond to his invitation. They will understand and be able to explain why the Commandments are important for life and how they apply to their daily lives.

Science

This term we will start by looking at and investigating light. Pupils will build on their work on light in Year 3 to make more detailed investigations of shadows. They use their conclusions from this work to create shadow puppets and use special effects in their puppet shows. They study reflectivity, build a periscope and investigate the effectiveness of sunglasses, learning about the dangers of UV light.

After half-term, we will then move on to our next science unit 'Electricity'. Children will build on their learning from Year 4 to learn more about circuits, including how to use recognised symbols to represent circuits. Later in the unit they will investigate how to change the amount of electricity flowing round a circuit, looking at how different components affect the flow of electricity and at the difference that the length and thickness of wires can make. They learn about series and parallel circuits and they use their knowledge of electricity to build games that use electric circuits.

Topic

We are lucky enough to have WW2 as our first topic in year six. During this topic, children will look at the countries involved in WW2 and how it initially started. We will discuss the Allies and the Axis and the roles that the countries played as the war progressed.

Children will get the opportunity to look at the life of an evacuee and, as a class, will make cross-curricular links with maths to make recipes from ration books. Later on in the unit, children will get the opportunity to explore the purpose of Andersson shelters and will get the chance to make their very own 3D model. Children will also explore the important concept of propaganda and how this affects interpretations of history.



PE

PE will include invasion games such as hockey, netball and basketball. We will be practising our throwing and catching skills as well as thinking about the role of a team and how we can play tactically. Children will also take part in dance after half-term.

(Miss McGuiness)

Spanish

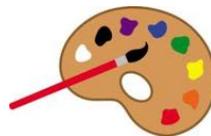
Children will learn Spanish this term, working on their basic Spanish vocabulary and their speaking and listening skills. Mrs Davila will be building on their previous learning.

PSHE

This term, we will be focussing on "New Beginnings" and "Getting on and falling out". The children will have the opportunity to think about different issues which may arise at school and how these make them and others feel.

Art and Design Technology (DT) and Music

Art and DT will feature in our topic this term. The children will decorate their Andersson shelters and will use colours to mix and create different shades of colour to create Blitz-style images.



We are also lucky enough to have Mrs Owen teaching our music this half term. This will be linked to our WW2 topic.