



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Term 2A.

English:

Reading: We will be having four reading sessions each week where we will focus on reading a variety of texts and answering questions based on the following content domains: vocabulary, retrieval, summarise, inference, prediction, sequencing, word meaning and comparison.

Writing: In English this term, we will be studying the text, 'Darwin - an Exceptional Voyage' which is a graphic novel about Charles Darwin. From this vehicle text we will be following the cycle of immerse - analyse - plan - write and edit. We will be writing a discovery narrative for our fiction writing and explanation writing for our non-fiction report.

Spelling: As part of our spelling lesson this term, we will be focussing on the sh sound in words containing ti ci si and ssi.

Mathematics:

In Maths this term we will be focussing on the following topics: number (fractions, decimals and percentages). Children will be learning to convert between and calculate parts of fractions, decimals and percentages.

Science:

Our Science topic this half term is Evolution and Inheritance. As part of this topic, children will be taught to:

- recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
- recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution

Religious Education:

Our Religious Education topic this half term is Exodus. The aim of this unit is to give pupils a greater understanding of the significance of the Exodus and Passover. It will also introduce pupils to the links between Christianity and Judaism. The key questions we will be answering through this topic are: Why did God choose Moses? Why is the Exodus such a significant event in Jewish and Christian history? What is freedom? Why is freedom important? What does it mean to be free? Why is it important to remember? Key experiences will include knowledge of the Exodus story, re-enacting a Passover meal and discussing the meaning of freedom.

Geography:

Our Geography topic this half term is Mountains.

- Use a map to find countries and their key features.
- Locate key mountain ranges of the world.
- Use a map to find and describe key features of the mountains.
- Explain how different types of mountains are formed.
- Describe a mountainous climate.
- Describe how tourism affects mountain regions.

Physical Education:

In P.E. this half term, we will be developing our skills in Gymnastics.

Our P.E. day this half term will be on a Tuesday.

Music:

In Music this half term we will be listening to Classical and Urban Gospel music. Our key focus will be developing music based on Benjamin Britten's Friday Afternoons: A New Year Carol. We will learn about Britten's life and music and discover more about the interrelated dimensions of music through playing games and singing.

Design Technology

Our topic this half term is cooking and nutrition. Our learning will include:

- Find a suitable recipe for their course.
- Record the relevant ingredients and equipment needed.
- Follow a recipe, including using the correct quantities of each ingredient.
- Write a recipe, explaining the process taken.
- Explain where certain key foods come from before they appear on the supermarket shelf.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is Computer Science: programming with Kodu as well as our weekly E-Safety messages. In Computer Science, children will be creating their own version of 'pacman' using code to make the game usable by others.

PSHE - JIGSAW

Our JIGSAW topic this half term is Dreams and Goals. Our six JIGSAW pieces this half term are:

Personal Learning Goals

Steps to Success

My Dream for the World

Helping to make a difference: fundraising event

Helping to make a difference

Recognising Our Achievements

Dates for your diary:

This half term, we will be acknowledging the following 'theme'/national days:

27th January - 4th February: National Storytelling Week

2nd February - NSPCC Number Day

5th - 11th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Church visits: