

Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

Year 6 - Autumn Term

English

- This term in English we will be completing lots of learning around our topic of Plastic Pollution.
- This half term, we will be focusing on the book Holes, writing powerful character and setting descriptions based on it.
- We will also be writing diary entries, newspaper reports and non-chronological reports.
- Next half term, our focus will be based around Plastic Pollution. We will write stories with an ocean theme and will think about the point of view of the animals impacted by plastic pollution.
- We will also revise some key areas of grammar and punctuation, such as: parenthesis, fronted adverbials, commas, colons and semi-colons.

Understanding of the World

- In Geography, we will be using Atlases to explore the world we live in, learning to use 4- and 6-figure grid references to find different countries.
- We will explore which countries are contributing the most to plastic pollution and discuss and research why.
- In RE, we will learn about different celebrations and beliefs of religions and comparing these to our own beliefs.
- In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats during the first half term and electricity in the second. These will involve a variety of hands on experiments and investigations.

Mathematics

- We will be covering a number of areas in Maths this term.
- We will begin by learning about place value, including negative numbers.
- We will also revise the use of column addition, subtraction and multiplication and bus-stop division.
- We will go over fractions, how to convert these to percentages and decimals and to add, subtract, multiply and divide them.
- Finally, we will look at shape translations using coordinates.

Physical Development

- We will continue to develop our coordination, ball skills and team work.
- We will play a range of team games and individual sports in order to develop both areas.

Expressive Arts and Design

- During this term we will taking part in some exciting projects! We will be designing and making our own re-usable bags using old t-shirts.
- We will make 'tiles' for a new mural in the hall with a message about plastic pollution.
- We will also research and create pieces of music which represent the sea and the impacts of plastic.
- We will learn some Sea Shanties sung by Cornish fishermen when working hard out at sea.

PSHE

- Throughout this half term we will be learning about the 6 Es: empathy, endurance, ethical, evolution, excellence and equity. We will learn the meanings of these words and how they relate to us.
- We will also be discussing how to be good citizens and how we can reduce our own plastic use to help shape a better world.
- We will track our plastic footprints across a particular time period.
- Finally, we will analyse typical playground scenarios and discuss the thoughts and feelings of the people involved and to resolve these situations.

Communication and Language

- We will focus on learning key phrases in French such as introducing ourselves and sharing information. We will work towards writing a paragraph about ourselves.
- On the Chrome books, we will use programming to create our own online games.

Homework

- Throughout this term, there will be regular homework to complete each week. This homework will be sent out on a Friday and we ask for it to be returned by the following Wednesday.
- There will be a weekly Maths activity which will link to the learning we have done in class that week. There will also be a SPaG activity, also linked to what we have covered.
- Children will also have a spelling test every Friday and will either stay on their same set or move up a set if they get the majority correct.
- We expect everyone to read each night and for this to be recorded in their diary.
- Finally, their times tables challenge booklets are there so that you are able to practice their tables at home so that they can become quicker and more confident using their tables.
- Every half term, there will be a topic-based piece of homework which is optional and provides the children with a chance to get creative.