

Year 6 – Spring 1



English

This half-term Year 6 will write informative biographies on a variety of significant people, including William Shakespeare following on from last-term's work. We will analyse this text style and use the common features as a model for our own writing. We will aim to develop our narratives by including description of dramatic events.

Year 6 will also learn the uses of semi-colons and colons, and aim to use them in our own writing. We will continue to read and answer questions on a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to develop our comprehension skills.

Science

This term our topic is – Living Things and their Habitats. We will describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics, and give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics

Computers

Programming and Algorithms - We are going to use Scratch to create our own interactive quiz. Children will create a range of questions and use coding blocks to give correct and wrong answers to participants.

Art

In Art we will focus on painting. Year 6 will take inspiration from the Maya culture to understand colour relationships such as complimentary & harmonious colours. We will develop our skill in mixing colour, and using shades, tints and tones with confidence to achieve an intended effect.

RE

Community / Sources – We will learn in more depth about The Bible. That it is a story, spread over more than two thousand years, of God's love and how God's people responded to that love. We will get to know more about the people – good, bad and indifferent – just as in the world today. God showed his love for them by wonderful deeds and each responded in a special way.

PHSE/RSE

This half-term, children will learn that celebrating differences between people is enriching to a community and know that their self-confidence should arise from being loved by God.

At Home

It is very important for children to continue to **read a variety of texts, regularly at home**, to help improve fluency and comprehension. It is also incredibly important to **practise spellings and times tables regularly**. There are many fun games and activities to use online, such as: Spelling Frame, Top Marks and Times Table Rock Stars.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to work with fractions by learning how to multiply fractions by integers and by other fractions. We will also revisit converting between mixed and improper fractions, as well as finding fractions of an amount.

We will continue to revise previously learnt mental arithmetic skills, focussing on completing questions with speed and accuracy.

PE

Fitness – We will develop our knowledge of health and fitness this term. We will add to our knowledge of nutrition from last term's DT and learn a range of movements and exercises to develop a healthy lifestyle.

History

This term, we will study the ancient Maya civilization. We will look closely at the culture and religious practises of the Maya people and use sources to investigate the discovery of this forgotten world.

French

In French, we will look at 'Le Week-end'. We will focus on asking and telling the time, and saying what I do at the weekend.

Music

We will listen to the music of Motown and Soul. We will learn about leading artists in this area and learn where the influences of this genre came from. Ukulele – We will continue to develop our range of chords and strumming patterns.