

ENGLISH

This half-term, Year 6 will be focusing on creating a biography. This will tie-in with our History topic of 'Immigration' and will centre around the arrival of the Empire Windrush from The Caribbean. Pupils will be taught how to use expanded noun phrases to share biographical information concisely, as well as organisational and presentational devices to structure their writing and guide the reader. We will focus on the use of Standard English to show awareness of their audience and pupils will plan, proof-read and edit a final draft in order to publish our work.

HISTORY

Children will learn about how London has been shaped by the arrival of different groups of people. Building upon their prior knowledge, the unit will include the impact of the Romans, the Windrush Generation and other groups who have made this city their home and the changes caused by immigration in the twentieth century.

PE

During outdoor sessions, Year 6 will be working collaboratively and practising the skills needed in Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Indoor PE is dance, where children will be extending skills previously learnt including flexibility, posture, body control and alignment.

PSHE

This half-term's theme is Dreams and Goals. Children will explore how they can stay motivated when facing something challenging and the importance of perseverance. They will think about working collaboratively and helping others to achieve their goals.

MUSIC

This half-term, pupils will continue to play the guitar and learn the chords (C major & E minor) whilst playing the melody of Eleanor Rigby by the Beatles. They will also be introduced to play-along as a tool in music practice.

FRENCH

Pupils will learn how to describe a house, the different rooms and who lives there. They will also acquire knowledge about prepositions to explain where items are arranged in their bedroom to consolidate grammar and vocabulary.

MATHEMATICS

Pupils will use knowledge of properties to draw, sketch and identify shapes. They will use this knowledge to investigate the area and perimeter of 2D shapes while looking at how they can calculate the area of more complex compound ones. In addition, we will explore the relationship between different shapes, such as parallelograms and triangles. Finally, children will investigate the relationship between area and side length, and perimeter and side length, to reason about measurements of shapes, including compound shapes.

COMPUTING

This half-term, Year 6 will become filmmakers! Applying skills they've developed across their time at Godwin with regards to computer input and output devices, children will storyboard, record and edit short documentary films collaboratively, sharing knowledge as citizens of Forest Gate. Pupils will appraise and give feedback on each other's work, and consider appropriate re-takes and edits.

RE

Our topic is 'Life after Death', with children learning how the afterlife is represented in different religions. Pupils will explore funeral traditions and learn how people say goodbye. If there are circumstances which will make this topic difficult for your child, please do speak to your child's teacher.

SCIENCE

Our spring unit is Evolution and Inheritance. Children will learn that living things change over time and adapt to suit their environment as well as produce offspring – but often these are not identical to their parents. Additionally, we will consider whether animal traits are inherited or acquired and children will be able to identify and explain the differences between the two. Pupils will study the work of Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace and other great scientists.

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