

## ENGLISH

Over this half term the children will be analysing and writing biographies, culminating with their own published biography of a notable American artist. They will read and deconstruct a series of carefully-chosen and purpose-written texts, discussing the purpose, features and structure of the writing as well as identifying the level of formality required. By utilising specific features of this text type, children will continue to practise and use adverbials, colons and expanded noun phrases across a range of sentences.

## SCIENCE

Year 6 will be learning about classification, including looking at the ways in which different animals and plants are identified and classified by observable similarities. They will develop their ability to use dichotomous keys and learn about influential scientists from this field. The Educational Visit to the National History Museum will consolidate the pupils' learning on classification.

## PE

Gymnastics will be our first unit of indoor PE where children will use a variety of equipment, learning how to dismount safely and incorporate it into routines. Outdoor PE is hockey and pupils will practise their striding techniques and how to change direction instantly.

## PSHE

Pupils begin this year with the topic 'Being Me in My World'. This unit of work centres on them and their role in the world. The children will be looking at their year ahead, what it means to be a global citizen, how they can make choices about their learning behaviours and how these can impact on others.

## MUSIC

Pupils will be learning to play the guitar. Standard and tablature notation will be used to support their learning. Additionally, pupils will learn to strum and sing popular songs using a variety of chords in order to develop their finger dexterity and rhythmic capabilities.

## FRENCH

Children will continue their exploration of useful French phrases, adding to those learnt previously. Our focus will be sports and new vocabulary associated with it.

## MATHEMATICS

Children will be refining their knowledge of place value, working with positive and negative numbers up to 10,000,000. They will be asked to round and compare numbers, as well as order them. Pupils will then explore the four operations, solving expressions involving brackets, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. They will multiply and divide 3 and 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers using known number facts and written methods. Once this is secure, children will apply this understanding to solve complex word problems.

## COMPUTING

Year 6 will be evaluating online information, exploring factors that might cause suspicion about sources. They will be researching the issue of 'fake news', and will create informative posters to warn about the risks present while browsing the Internet.

## RE

Our pupils will be looking at the ways in which people of different religious communities express their faith through the arts, developing an understanding of the varied ways in which humans use music, dance, imagery and song to connect with their God.

## GEOGRAPHY

The children begin developing their geography skills this half term by focusing on the The Americas. Within this, they will compare different landscapes, climates and political structures across the two continents. They will further develop their understanding of Fair Trade and map-reading skills, including looking at mountainous regions and rivers and how these are shown on maps. Using the knowledge gained, the pupils will compare the similarities and differences of the The Americas to their own locality.

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