

## ENGLISH

Our English work this half term revolves around the world of superheroes. Over the next six weeks the children will write non-chronological reports about their favourite heroes, discussing their origins, powers, appearance and nemeses. They will read and deconstruct a series of superhero-themed explanation texts, discussing the purpose, features and structure of the writing as well as exploring and identifying different levels of formality. This will help them to write their own examples. As well as utilising the specific features of this text type, the children will continue to practise and use colons, semi-colons, dashes and a range of sentence and clause structures.

## COMPUTING

This half term, Year 6 will be evaluating online information for trustworthiness and exploring different factors that might cause suspicion about sources of information. In particular, they will be researching the issue of 'fake news', and will create informative posters to warn younger children about the risks present while browsing the Internet

## SCIENCE

Our area of study in science will be animals and their habitats. This includes looking at the ways in which different animals are identified and classified by scientists as well as the ways that they are suited to their environments. Throughout this work the children will also develop their ability to use and to create branching databases.

## RE

Our work this half term looks at the ways in which people of different religious communities express their faith through the arts. The children will develop an understanding of the varied ways in which humans use music, dance, imagery and song to connect with others and with their god.

## MATHS

In the first unit of Year 6, pupils are refining their knowledge of place value, working with numbers between 1 000 000 and 10 000 000. They will be asked to round and compare numbers to 10 000 000, followed by ordering them. Pupils will then explore the four operations, in combination and in isolation. They will solve 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. Pupils will begin solving more complex word problems involving multiple operations.

## GEOGRAPHY

This unit of work focuses on the USA. As well as studying the states, cities and varied landscapes of the country, we will practise our map skills – including the use of six figure map references. We will also delve briefly into the early history of the USA as this is inextricably linked to the creation of the states themselves.

## ART AND DESIGN

This half term pupils will learn about the Pop Art movement and find out about aspects of popular culture in the 1950s–60s. They will create their own pictures using a range of techniques, materials and objects. To support this work we will visit the Tate Modern, where the children will explore the work of Roy Lichtenstein.

## PE

During indoor PE lessons children will learn to play handball, developing teamwork, passing and marking skills as well as gaining an understanding of the related rules. For outdoor PE they will improve their basketball skills; developing ball familiarisation, dribbling, passing, turning and shooting abilities.

# GODWIN JUNIOR SCHOOL



## Y6 AUTUMN TERM FIRST HALF

# CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER