ENGLISH

In this half term, we will be focusing on creating a non-chronological report. 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 complicated information concisely as well as organisational and presentational devices to structure our writing and guide the reader. We will focus on the use of Standard English to show awareness of our audience and will plan, proof-read and edit a final draft in order to publish our work.

SCIENCE

Our spring unit is Evolution and Inheritance. Children will learn that living things change over time and adapt to suit their environment and produce offspring – but often these are not identical to their parents. Pupils will study the work of Charles Darwin, Alfred Wallace and other great scientists.

PE

Year 6 will be learning the rules and practising the skills needed in tag rugby during outdoor sessions. Indoor PE is dance, where children will be extending skills learnt in previous years.

MUSIC

With the guitar, pupils will consolidate their ability to keep up with tempo by playing along with a mainstream pop song. Children will also learn the melody of a classical guitar piece, from the early twentieth century. They will have the opportunity to discover different sound possibilities.

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Children will cook and sample their own food within this unit on bread. Linking to our history focus, after taste-testing bread from around the world, the children will create their own recipes and bake them. They will then evaluate their products and suggest ways to improve them.

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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 be learning how to find the area of a variety of shapes. They will also be drawing shapes to given measurements, angles and areas. Long division and the inverse operation will be used to answer increasingly complex questions. Pupils will also be exploring mixed numbers and how to convert these to improper fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts.

COMPUTING

Pupils will learn the advantages, disadvantages and risks of social media and will be introduced to blogging. Over the half term, children will develop their own personal blogging page, learn how to leave constructive comments and consider their digital footprint.

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.

HISTORY

Children will be learning 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 the city their home. Additionally, Year 6 will be exploring the changes caused by immigration in the twentieth century.