<u>English</u>

Text: 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope' and 'A Place for Me'

Both texts will provide a stimulus for two fiction pieces of writing. We will be learning how to create expanded noun phrases and how to use dialogue to convey personality and character. We will also approach passive verbs for the first time!

Science

Topic: 'Light & Sound'

We will be starting this year by looking at 'Light & Sound.' We will be completing a range of experiments to test how light supports our sight. We will also gain an understanding that light travels in straight lines and that opaque objects cause shadows. We will discover that light travels faster than the speed of sound. We will also investigate how different environments impact on both light and sound.

PSHEE and RE

RE: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

Throughout this topic, pupils will learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about being a follower of the Muslim religion. Pupils explore the five pillars of Islam and the importance of these to Muslim believers. Pupils will gain a greater understanding of Islam and what we can learn from its beliefs, values and ideas.

PSHEE: Me and My Relationships

We will look at what positive, healthy relationships look like. We will discuss what different relationships look like in our lives and how our actions can help maintain those.

Our approach

In Year 6 this year, we will be adopting a specialist teacher approach to teaching. Each of the four class teachers will be leading subject specialisms across the two classes within the year group. For example, Mrs Sheffield will teach maths to both classes and Mr Bannon will do the same for English. Our aim is to ensure that the children will get the teacher that performs that subject best ensuring that both classes receive an equal offer.

PE

This term, PE will be held on a Wednesday afternoon for both classes. We will be looking at a range of different sports such as basketball, football, athletics and hockey. We will be encouraging teamwork and team spirit throughout all of these activities.

Swimming

Both classes will access swimming during the Autumn term. 6A will swim in Autumn 1 and 6D will swim in Autumn 2. Please ensure that all children bring swimming kit on Mondays. They will need appropriate swimwear; a towel and a swimming cap. Children may bring a small healthy snack for their return to school.

History

Topic: The Transatlantic Slave Trade

This topic is a hugely exciting but incredibly harrowing experience for all children in Year 6. We will learn about the difference between servants and slaves. We will look at the countries involved in the slave trade and how this informed triangular trade. We will also discover what slaves experienced during their journey in the Middle Passage, which was their travel across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas.

Our School Trip

Topic: The International Slavery Museum

On Wednesday 11th October, we will be travelling into town to visit to The International Slavery Museum. We will be participating in two workshops. One will be taking a tour of the museum and looking in more detail at their most prized collections. The second workshop is on the legacies of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, which focuses on the stories that slavery left behind for certain individuals and societies.

Music

In music, we will be looking at performance poetry. We will be rehearsing how poetry should be read and performed when delivered in public. We will look at how different styles of poetry should be performed differently.

Computing

In computing this half-term, we will be looking at online safety. We will learn about personal privacy online and why we should ensure that our relationships online are appropriate.



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Class Dojo and Twitter

To keep up with everything that we get up to in Year 6 please check the apps above!

<u>D.T</u>

In technology, we will be creating our very own 'liver' birdhouses. We will at a range of different joints and joining mechanisms. We will also be researching different styles of bird houses, while discussing what makes a bird house both ergonomically and aesthetically pleasing.

<u>Maths</u>

This term our maths lessons will cover the following topics: Numbers to 10,000, rounding, four operations, multiples and factors. We will be using the five big concepts of Maths Mastery to develop fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills. We will be aiming for complete fluency with our times tables and number bonds.