Autumn Two in Year 6

English

This half term, we are reading 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan. This is the first of our novels which has a WWII theme. We use these novels to inspire our writing texts which include two letters showing a shift in time and mood.
We will then move onto an exciting nonsense poetry unit where we will study Lewis Carroll's 'The Jabberwocky'.

We will be focusing on:
- Varied vocabulary
- Different sentence structures – simple, compound and complex

We are reading...



Reading for pleasure is really important to us in Year 6. Research shows that children who read for enjoyment experience greater success in reading comprehension, writing and overall attainment across the curriculum. Our class book is 'When the Sky Falls' which is also set in 1940s England.

Maths

We continue to follow the White Rose scheme of learning. We have already begun our work on fractions where we will be able to add and subtract proper and improper fractions as well as mixed numbers. We will then move on to multiplying and dividing integers and fractions.
Following this, our final Autumn unit will be Measure where we will calculate with and convert metric and imperial units of measure.

Science

This half term, we are studying Electricity. We will be making circuits for various purposes, drawing them accurately using the correct symbols and understanding how electricity is made (e.g. what happens if we change various components in a circuit?).
We will also finish our 'Body Health' topic, looking at the impact food and exercise has on our bodies.

Art

Our theme for art this term continues to be 'Identity and Personal Development' where the unit is titled, 'Who am I?'. Children have explored who they are, what they feel represents them and how they can express themselves in a creative way. The children will now experiment with the application of paint onto various media, including acetate. We look forward to seeing their final product.

Geography/ History

We do not have a Geography unit this half term. However, the units we will be exploring over the year will be Brazil and Biomes should you wish to borrow any books from the library around these areas.

We will continue with our 'Victorians' topic in History. On 27th November, we will visit Leeds to see how Victorian Britain has left its mark on the architecture and layout.

PE

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday.

The units this half term are dance, taught by the teacher, and tag rugby, taught by Foottech. There will be a focus on developing the 'whole child' which will include building upon their social skills, thinking and emotional skills as well as their physical sporting skill set and knowledge.

RE

Our RE question this half term is 'Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?'.

We consider how Muslims are motivated to lead a good life using the teachings from the Qur'an and we will look at some actions a Muslim might take as Jihad.

PSHE

PSHE is taught through 'JIGSAW'. Our next topic is 'Celebrating Difference – Respect for similarity and difference including anti-bullying and being unique. This is taught over a series of six lessons where children will discuss and celebrate what makes our Year 6 cohort so special and unique.

Computing

In Computing this half term, we will be creating media by exploring, designing and building our own webpage using Google Sites. This will be linked to the children's individual interests. Within the unit, we will discuss the importance of copyright.

There will also be an ongoing focus on online safety where children will look at Online Relationships and Managing Online Information. We have also begun to discuss what our 'Digital Footprint is' and its importance.

Homework

Reading homework will be given out on a Monday and collected on Friday.

Maths homework will be given out on Friday and collected the following Monday.

Children should complete their homework in their books.

Century homework will still be set however, this is not compulsory.