

Year 6 – Autumn 1



English

This half-term our reading and writing will be based on *Street Child*, a book by Berlie Doherty. Set within Victorian London, we will study the character of Jim Jarvis and discuss the constant challenges he is faced with throughout the story. The children will develop their skills in narrative writing. We will revise the uses of nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs, to use in new and interesting ways for more interesting description. Demonstrate a character's changing feelings in exciting and dramatic ways will also be a focus. The children will produce character and setting descriptions, as well as a diary entry. We will also study non-fiction texts as the children write a report on Victorian workhouses.

Science

This term our topic is - Living Things and Their Habitats. Year 6 will describe how living things, including microorganisms, plants and animals, are organised into broad groups based on their similarities and differences. Children will learn to give justified reasons for their choices.

Computers

Children will develop their basic skills to create an all about me display poster. They will learn about website extensions, such as: .a.c.uk, .org, .gov. They will learn to consider the reliability of information on a website and independently search the internet for appropriate and reliable information.

French

In French, we will revise and recap our learning so far. We will focus especially on our use of numbers, colours and greetings, and aim to use them more confidently within conversations.

Important dates/ information

14th September – Safety Works visit.

RE

Loving – We will focus on the love and care of people, learning that God's love is unconditional and never ending, and learn to celebrate and apply love within our own lives
Vocation & Commitment - Everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism.

PHSE/RSE

This half-term, we will look at the message that we are 'Created and Loved by God'. We will think about our gifts and talents, and consider the challenges we can face as we grow.

At Home

It is very important for children to continue to read a variety of texts, regularly at home, to help improve fluency and comprehension. It is also incredibly important to practise spellings and times tables regularly. There are many fun games and activities to use online, such as: Spelling Frame, Top Marks and Times Table Rock Stars.

Maths

We will revisit our knowledge of place value of numbers up to 10,000,000, learning to understand the value of each digit including to thousandths. The children will round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, 100,000 or 1,000,000 and order and compare numbers up to 1,000,000. We will also look at rounding to the nearest number up to 2 decimal places.

PE

Swimming – Year 6 will begin the year swimming. We will recap on our previously learnt skills and further develop our confidence in the water. We will learn to use strokes effectively – front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke, and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

History

This term, we will study the Victorian period in Britain. We will look closely at the impact of the Industrial Revolution on Britain and who played major roles in this period of great change. The Children will use source material to think of their own ideas to answer questions and timeline the period studied to compare it to previous topics.

Art

In Art, we will begin with a study of portraiture – focused specifically on tone and texture. Year 6 will use mixed media and collage techniques to create interesting and exciting effects on our own self-portraits.

Music

Instrumentation – Revising previously learnt chord sequences and rhythms on the ukulele. We will listen to the music of the Beatles and other British Rock/Pop musicians of the last century.