

The Year 6 Creativity topic for Term 2 is focused on understanding the importance of the Fundamental British Values: Democracy, Rule of Law, Mutual Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty. The class will then spend the majority of the week understanding the term 'diversity' and its importance in the society in which we live. The children will demonstrate their understanding using a range of art and literature.

In their Music learning, Year 6 will be learning how music can be expressed through colour. They will learn to appreciate and understand music from different traditions. The festival of Holi will inspire this topic.

Project Management will commence this term and will be using their expertise around project learning to work alongside younger children to guide them in a variety of design and technology skills.

Forest schools will continue to be on a Monday afternoon for Year 6 where they will carry taking part in a variety of outdoor projects and learn new skills. The children will be inspired in their projects through a variety of classic children stories with an outdoor theme.

In Maths for Term 2, Year 6 will continue with their focus on the topic of 'Calculation'. The class will be studying how to use the four operations to calculate in a variety of ways using integers. This will then develop later in the term to understanding fractions: what they are and how they can calculate with them.

The staff have continued to discuss with the children the importance of learning their times tables and division facts. This is particularly relevant in the coming term as the topic is wholly underpinned by having a rapid recall of these facts.

The Year 6 team would also again ask parents to continue to speak with their children regarding their Maths understanding and to encourage their child to speak to the staff in the classroom for any further guidance they require with their Maths.

In Science, Year 6 will be studying 'All Living Things'. This will include:

- describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals.
- identifying the reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

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In Computing, the children will be studying how to code as well as understanding the importance of internet safety.

In PE, the swimming focus will continue on Thursday afternoons at Fairfield Swimming Pool.

A focus on health will also take place during our PSHE lessons in which staff give children an opportunity to understand how to regulate their emotions.

The RE topic for this term is titled 'Expectations'. Year 6 will explore the season of Advent as a time of joyful expectation as they prepare to receive Jesus into their lives. The class will analyse scripture to understand how they can share this message during the Christmas season (and throughout the year) with others.



In English this term, Year 6 will focus on the concept of building mystery within their writing. The topic will begin with a focus on a short extract of Willkie Collin's, 'A Woman in White'. The children will analyse the text as well as analysing and studying how other authors have used this technique within their writing. With questioning, these texts will also help the class to develop their reading skills as they learn to infer meaning.

In their writing, Year 6 will learn how to create a first-person narrative piece of writing that incorporates the concepts they have studied in the model text. The final piece of writing will involve the children creating a tense and mysterious meeting of two characters that they have created; this final piece is achieved through modelling and scaffolding by staff before the children have many opportunities to practise the skills being demonstrated to them.

Within the grammar, punctuation, and spelling (GPS) learning, the focus will be on ensuring the children understand and can use a range of synonyms and antonyms. They will also learn how to use and manipulate the passive and active voice for effect. Furthermore, the children will learn how to demarcate independent clauses for a range of purposes and when to use each type of punctuation mark needed in Key Stage 2. Finally, the class will learn about the following spelling rules and patterns by studying the texts: words ending in -able; words ending in -ably; word families based on common words, showing how words are related in form and meaning; and creating diminutives using prefixes micro- or mini-.

Year 6 will be focusing on how to improve their attitude towards their learning and become a 'Learning Champion'. To become a Learning Champion, they will need to become:

- effective investigators.
- problem solvers.
- creative thinkers.
- information processors.
- independent learners.
- reflective learners.
- self-managers.
- pro-active social thinkers.
- active communicators.

