

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 6 – Autumn Term 2 2023

English

For our English this term we will be completing our work on whether graffiti is art or crime and learning about the artist Banksy. We will be writing a balanced debate. We will also be creating newspaper articles and police reports based on 'The Christmas Carol'. At the end of half term, we will be starting our Antarctica topic through poetry writing. In guided reading, we will be analysing a range of non-fiction and fiction extracts some of which will link into our theme of, 'What is art?' We will be developing our inference and retrieval skills across more complex texts and learning about evaluating which information is the 'most' important to answer a question.

Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include....

- Learning about fractions, decimals and percentages:
- Finding their value, equivalents and being able to simplify them
- Learning about adding, subtracting and multiplying simple fractions
- Coordinates grids – reading and plotting on four quadrant grids

Luminous light

Other Information

PE Days - Children will need their outdoor PE kits on Mondays with Kevin and Tuesdays. Please check they have suitable clothing for all weathers and that all items are named clearly.

Water Bottles - Drinking water regularly throughout the day hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school.

Reading Books - Your child will continue to have access to library books this year. We will endeavor to change these regularly with the children.

Home learning

We will be setting weekly maths or English based activities which we expect the children to complete and return regularly. This will contribute to revision and readiness for secondary school. **If they would like to**, children can also continue to choose from the selection of tasks in the homework grid but this is now an optional extra!

We have included a task to create a poppy for our remembrance display. If chosen this needs to be in by the 7th November. Please put a name on the back of the poppy.

Reading

Children are expected to read **at least** 5 times a week and complete a page of their reading journal. It would also be really helpful if you could question your child when reading with them as to what they have read, and to retrieve key pieces of information learnt from the text.

Our learning during this unit will include....

Science - This term, we will be looking at light and learning how light travels and how we see, through a series of investigations.

History - We will be completing our investigation into why the Mayan civilisation collapsed.

Computing – Computer explorers will continue to lead our computing curriculum this half term.

PE - In PE, we will be learning the skills and playing mini-games of football. We will learn a dance routine which will involve the children's own choreography!

RE - This term, we will be learning about Christmas: the two birth accounts.

Art – In art, we will be looking at different styles of graffiti. We will study the work of Banksy, creating our own graffiti tags and street art.

Music – We will be continuing our topic 'Amazing Machines' where we will create our own looped patterns and melodies.

PSHE – We will be exploring the topic of keeping safe: including internet safety and responsibility within our community. We will also be developing an awareness of the systems in place in our country to protect us.

Spanish – In Spanish we will be learning more about different past times through sports and music.