



Year 5/6



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

The children in 5/6 will be examining the features of poetry as well as developing an understanding of how poetry should be performed. The following vocabulary will help the children to make their poems clear to an audience.

Intonation- the rise and fall of the voice in speaking

Tone- indicates a particular feeling. **Alliteration**- the same letter being at the beginning of words close together.

Computing



This half term we will use Microsoft PowerPoint to learn about vector images. We will use different drawing tools and learn how images are created in layers. We will explore the ways in which images can be grouped and duplicated to support them in creating more complex pieces of work.

Maths

The children in Year 5 will revisit the four basic operations to give them a solid foundation for Year 6. Other key concepts to be explored include, time, data handling and measurement.

Tally: a continuous count of something.

Inverse: changing something in the opposite direction.

Survey: obtaining information by asking questions.

The Year 6 children will maintain their maths skills in preparation for high school by completing challenging investigations which will allow them to maintain their number skills whilst developing their ability to reason.

Maths vocabulary that you could discuss with your child at home:

Sequence: a pattern of numbers or symbols.

Equation: a maths statement showing that two amounts are equal.

Translation: the process of moving one something from one place to another.

Science



In Science, we will focus on our practical investigation skills. The children will complete experiments which match correct scientific procedure. These will include: how to carry out a fair test, changing only one variable and presenting our results in a clear and concise manner?

DT- bird houses

The children will start the project with a visit from John Dallas who is an outdoor education environment expert. He will explain to the children about the local bird and wildlife population and how we can design the most suitable bird house. The children will then look at how to design and make a birdhouse for local species. They will use woodwork equipment and will all produce a working birdhouse to place in their local area.

Key vocabulary:

join – a place or line where two or more things are connected or fastened together.

Spanish



This half term the children will be learning about going on holiday, airports and travelling. They will go on a journey to other Spanish speaking countries and learn about their cultures.

Finally, they will spend some time going through several activities to revise all of this year's learnt knowledge.

PE (Physical Education)

In PE this half term the children will be developing their athletic skills. We will look closely at ways to enhance their sprinting technique and work on how to improve their body position to maximise their power, especially when running

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic this half term is Drugs. Pupils learn about the risks associated with smoking drugs, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, shisha and cannabis

Key Vocabulary:

Substance – an intoxicating stimulating, or narcotic chemical or drug, especially an illegal one.

Peer pressure – influence from members of one's peer group



RE and Collective Worship

In RE this half term, we will be investigating why some people believe in God whilst others do not. We will be examining reasons people give for their beliefs, looking at both the arguments put forward by people of different faiths and also people of no faith. We will be reflecting on our own ideas and beliefs and exploring the reasons behind these.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

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