

Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

Year 6 Autumn 2024

English

In English we will be studying Ancient Greek myths and legends and will carry out a number of writing tasks from this, including writing their own myths and creating heroes and monsters.

Linked to our History unit, the Legacy of Ancient Greece, the children will be writing adverts based on a product that might have been used in ancient Greece and will focus on using persuasive language in their adverts.

The children will also learn how to write poetry using rhyme and other poetic devices.

In the second half term we will be writing a range of non-fiction including non-chronological reports, linked to our Geography unit.

Science

In Year 6, students will learn about the circulatory system, which includes the heart, blood vessels, and blood, working together to deliver oxygen and nutrients throughout the body and remove waste. They will also explore how healthy habits like a balanced diet and regular exercise improve body function, while harmful substances like drugs can have negative effects. Additionally, they'll understand how nutrients and water from food are absorbed and transported through the bloodstream to support growth and overall health.

Trips and Useful information

We have a SCARF workshop in November to discuss how to deal with our emotions especially with the on-coming SATs tests, which are still timetabled for May.

Autumn 1 – Celebration Greek day, National Gallery-London, virtual workshop

Autumn 2 – Living rainforest 8th November

– Carol service 12th December

Please continue to hear your child read regularly at home, fill in BoomRead and discuss the texts read. History and Geography homework will also be posted on Google Classrooms.

History and Geography (Including Art, DT and Computing)

How have the Ancient Greeks shaped the world of today?

This history unit will give the children an opportunity to explore the legacies of Ancient Greece that still have relevance to our lives today.

Art – Chalk and sketch columns with a virtual visit to the National Gallery

Homework – See Google Classroom for a range of activities for your child.

Music: Dance music including creating musical loops.

How do people in different places adapt to their environment?

This is a Geography unit that looks at the relationship between man and the environment in Arctic, desert and rainforest regions of the world. We will focus particularly on the rainforests.

Art – Collage.

Project Homework- See Google Classroom for a range of activities for your child.

Computing

The children will focus on computer programming. They will use algorithms to create their own game using Scratch.

In the second half term the children will use the internet as a source to collect information.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, the children will be extending their knowledge of the number system to numbers to 10 000 000 and will also increase their familiarity with decimal numbers. They will learn how to read, write, order and compare these. The children will also relate this knowledge to fractions and begin to use this knowledge to solve real life and measures problems.

The children will learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide with increased accuracy and apply this knowledge to solving problems, including knowing the order of operations and using algebra.

Then, fractions, ratio and proportion will be explored.

Each week, your child will be set a task and revision linked to their learning in class. Please encourage your child to complete this.

Religion & World Views and SCARF

For one week during each half term out project sessions will have a religious education focus. We will explore 'Sacrifice' (associated with Eid-ul-Adha) 'Interpretation linked to the birth of Jesus and the Two Birth Narratives.

SCARF – Me and my relationships.

Hooks and Celebrations

The Legacy of Ancient Greece History unit begins with a 'Mystery Box' and 'What's the Link' and finishing the half term with a Greek activity day (including a mini Olympics). We also have virtual visits with the National Gallery and the British Museum which will take place within the classroom to enrich our History and Geography and English learning on Greeks.

After the half term break, the children will be looking at 'How living organisms adapt to their environment'.