

LENT TERM
YEAR 6 CURRICULUM

ENGLISH

In Exciting Writing, the pupils will explore Classic Fiction using Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree as a stimulus. After thorough immersion in the text they will rewrite an introductory paragraph to a chapter before composing their own chapter for an adventure story. Non-fiction writing will focus on writing a persuasive letter. Spelling work continues to focus on the 'Statutory Word Lists' for Key Stage 2, including using suffixes and prefixes. Grammar work will include passive and modal verbs. Punctuation will include use of the semi-colon, colons for clauses and lists, and the use of hyphens.

MATHEMATICS

The topics studied this term will include: place value to include millions; subtraction of 5-digit and 6-digit numbers; the use of long division to divide 3-digit and 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers; they will also use long multiplication to multiply 4-digit numbers. Pupils will solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems in shopping contexts. During work on shape, they will identify properties of quadrilaterals, learn internal angles of 2D shapes and use these facts to solve problems. Pupils will revise and name properties of a circle. They will calculate and understand the mean average; read and plot coordinates in four quadrants, and work on rotation and translation of 2D shapes.

SCIENCE

Pupils will study 'Light' for the first half-term. This work builds upon previous experience of work completed in Year 3. Pupils will learn about how we see, reflection, refraction, the spectrum and colour before finishing the work making shadow puppets. In the second half of the term the pupils will be studying 'Living Things and their Habitats'. This will include studying early classification systems and the seven levels of classification. They will focus on the work of Linnaeus; they will also look at a range of microorganisms and how classification keys can be used.

HISTORY

The pupils will study World War II in the second half of the term. This will include looking at the causes of the war and examining key events such as the Blitz and the Battle of Britain. Pupils will also consider what it was like for children to be evacuated and how people managed to survive with rationing. Lessons may be interrupted by preparation for SATs, so this topic will resume in the Trinity Term.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography this term, pupils will learn about 'The Amazing Americas'. They will first find out about the continents of North and South America and the countries within them. They will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of North America, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each. At the end of the unit, pupils will research a trip to an area of North America and create tour guides to share what they have found.



COMPUTING

E-safety: Pupils will gain a greater understanding about cyberbullying as well as social networking. Drawing & Desktop Publishing: This unit is aimed at developing a pupil's graphic and presentation skills by introducing drawing as opposed to painting. Internet Research & Communication: Pupils will focus on how to effectively search using key words and how to safely communicate online. They will also learn how to distinguish between a reliable and unreliable website or webpage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christianity and Buddhism: Pupils will discover how faith is conveyed through art, drama and song. They will respond to Buddhist and Christian texts and learn about how faith is expressed through meditation. The importance of Jesus to Christians will be explored with a focus on Easter.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Mechanical Posters: Pupils will develop their understanding of mechanical systems. Following instructions on how to make different types of lever and linkage mechanisms will give them experience and information to draw on when developing their own ideas. Pupils will sketch a design from their ideas, make a prototype, and then create their 'Lever and Linkage Poster' using the context of recycling.

ART

The pupils will be studying South American Art for the duration of the term. During this time, they will undertake a variety of projects including composing picture puzzles, creating a mural, making a dream-catcher and fashioning clay monkeys. They will study the work of South American artists.

MUSIC

Pupils will develop their listening skills. They will identify orchestral instruments, understand time signatures and tempos, and will learn about dynamics and the history of music. They will continue to develop their keyboard skills and their understanding of staff notation. Pupils will work in small groups to compose a 'Musical/Talking Book'. They will use a variety of tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments, recorders and keyboards to create effective melodies and sound effects to enhance a storybook.

PSHEE

The unit undertaken this half-term gives pupils the opportunity to explore choices that have to be made regarding money, developing concepts of saving, budgeting and earning money. Pupils will explore the effect that having money, or otherwise, can have; they will be involved in a budgeting exercise to equip a school! Next half-term will focus on relationships and look at how people deal with sensitive issues such as loss, self-image, stereotyping and media influence. Pupils will examine how choices lead to consequences.

FRENCH

The pupils will study aspects of 'Le Passe' (Then and Now) and 'Ici et La' (Out and About) from the Euro Stars scheme supplemented by additional material to further extend their language skills. Work will include reading, writing, listening and speaking. Weekly lessons will cease after half-term to facilitate revision for the SATs; they will study additional French in the Trinity Term.

PE, GAMES & SWIMMING

PE: In Gymnastics, each pupil will develop and perfect a seven-movement sequence, focusing on linking each movement together. Games: Pupils will revisit and perfect their skills in aspects of indoor athletics and take part in an intra-school competition. Swimming: Speed and finesse will be a focus for this term in relation to their front crawl, breaststroke and backstroke techniques. The pupils will all participate in a House Swimming Gala.

