

Year 6 Curriculum News

Autumn Term 2024

This term Year 6 will be using 'Heroes and Villains' as a theme across most of the curriculum.

Languages, Literacy, Communication

We will be covering a range of genres this term. The 'fiction' genres will include story writing and poetry where we will be looking at the use of 'personification' and narrative writing. The pupils will study a range of narrative texts including adventure and classical. The 'Non-Fiction' genres will cover dictionary/reference skills and biographical and journalistic writing. Included in the above topics there will be a range of work focusing on grammar, punctuation and spelling. Pupils will also be given weekly spellings to learn. Our class novel will be 'The Valley of Lost Secrets' by Lesley Parr. It is important for the children to have a copy of this book for our daily reading sessions. It is available from many shops second hand.

Welsh

This term the children will be introduced to topic related vocabulary and be involved in a variety of activities so that their knowledge, understanding and skills are developed within an integrated programme of speaking and listening, reading and writing.

International Languages

We will continue learning French this term and build on our knowledge to further develop the children's fluency.

How you can help: Please also ensure that your child has learnt the weekly spellings and wherever and whenever possible, enjoy a book together.

Maths and Numeracy

Numeracy work will continue to build on the pupils' knowledge of place value and the four number operations - multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. We will also be looking at fractions and how they relate to decimal numbers. Shape, data and measure work will include recognising angles, measuring (using both metric and imperial units), creating and interpreting graphs and using coordinates. Pupils will be taught to use different mathematical strategies through problem solving and mental maths activities.

How can you help: - Practise the times tables with your pupils and carry out mental mathematical problems. Ensure all homework is up to date.

RE

We will be posing significant questions during RE this term, such as considering how Christian beliefs are relevant to personal relationships, comparing the birth narratives of Jesus in the Gospels, how musicians have been inspired by Christian festivals, and how/if Christmas is celebrated in different countries.

Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E. days are **Thursdays and Fridays**. It is very important that every pupil takes part in as much PE as possible. It is therefore important that they have the correct kit with them. Pupils will need to ensure they have a kit that can be used outdoors.

Science and Technology

This term we will consolidate our knowledge of text and graphics including comics. We will be using our Hwb accounts to access Office 365 which the children will then be able to use at home. In the second half term pupils will begin to understand the timeline of the main developments of the World Wide Web since its invention. Learn about the great creative minds and Internet entrepreneurs who have contributed to its biggest innovations. Be inspired and solve their own challenges. Use 3D modelling software, devise their own computer game and much more. We will be working closely with Renishaw and Sony educational providers to further develop our knowledge of science and technology.

During science lessons the children will learn about forces. We will use our topic to explore different forces and how they can be controlled and harnessed.

Humanities and Expressive Arts

Our topic 'Heroes and Villains' has a historical focus and teaches children about heroes and villains from different periods of history and the ways in which they have changed the world. At the heart of this project children will learn about the Great Wars and write persuasively in the form of reports, letters, biographies and speeches. The children will learn about a range of influential figures, contemporary heroes and villains, the chronological order of a range of significant people throughout history and about the times in which they lived and how this influenced them.

We will learn about artists during the Great Wars and the effect of propaganda on art. The class will lead the whole school in an act of Remembrance which they will write, prepare and deliver.

General Information

Home - School Contact

Homework books - *Pupils will use their homework books for recording their weekly spellings and their homework.*

Please encourage your child to do their homework promptly.

- Homework that is not completed will be done during lunchtime in school.

Homework

- This will be sent home on a Thursday and pupils will, in most cases, have until Monday to complete this work. Pupils are expected to bring their homework in **ON** the due date!
- Spellings - Pupils will have their spelling test on a Monday.

Dates for the diary

17th September - Trip to Cardiff Museum and the Senedd

19th September - First Aid training (in school)

26th September - Individual school photos

27th September - McMillan Coffee Morning

21st October - Trip to Sony Pencoed (Computer Science)

28th-29th November - Trip to London

I look forward to sharing this important and memorable year with you all. If you have any concerns or queries during this term, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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