

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2020

<p><u>Maths</u> We will be covering: Place value Four operations (fluency, speed and reasoning) Fractions, decimals and percentages SATs test practise Times tables</p> <p><u>Ways to support at home:</u> Continue to support children with times tables recall (Timestables Rockstars) Fluency of all four operations (espresso, my mini maths) Our calculation policy is on the school website as a guide.</p>	<p><u>English</u> The children will be looking at a variety of text types: Persuasive letters about flamingo and eagles facing environmental issues Newspaper reports Adventure/fantasy narratives inspired by 'The Nowhere Emporium'</p> <p><u>Ways to support at home:</u> Encourage children to read for pleasure Asking relevant questions when you read with your children (some help with this will follow) Word searches to quicken text retrieval skills Weekly spelling words to learn and practise Year 3/4 and 5/6 spelling word list to use when required.</p>
<p><u>Science</u> We are currently focusing on electricity and circuits, with children eventually creating their own fairground rides. Later in the term, we will be learning about light.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u> We will be continuing to think about how to keep ourselves safe online using the 'Be Internet Legends' scheme. We will also be developing our coding skills, using block, python and HTML formats.</p>
<p><u>Geography</u> We will soon have our David George Trust river trips to give the children a hands-on experience to apply and extend their learning about rivers so far. In class, individual river projects will follow on from this.</p>	<p><u>History</u> We will be exploring crime and punishment through the ages.</p>
<p><u>The Arts</u> The children will continue to improve their sketching and paint mixing skills by producing self portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo. After half term, they begin to study landscape painting and the work of John Constable.</p>	<p><u>Music</u> Using the Charanga programme, we have begun to research the genres of pop and jazz as well as investigating the effect of dynamics and tempo on a piece of music, using a variety of instruments to perform.</p>
<p><u>RE</u> Our focus religion is Islam, where we will be mostly exploring the idea of commitment and what it means to uphold these in a religious context.</p>	<p><u>French</u> Taught by Mrs Rawlings, via Zoom, the children will be continuing to learn the names of animals, sizes and colours in order to produce their own French book and practise their written French in more detail.</p>
<p><u>DT</u> Applying their scientific learning from our unit 'Electricity and Circuits', the children will be designing and creating their own fairground rides using a variety of electrical components.</p>	<p><u>Homework</u> Homework will continue to be relevant, manageable and focus on consolidating class learning. Reading for pleasure is still strongly encouraged.</p>
<p><u>Extra information:</u> P.E will be on Thursday afternoons this term and will need to wear their kits to school on this day. Children are also encouraged to have their homework diaries in school with them at all times to promote independence and time management skills ready for Secondary School.</p>	