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What we have been up to:

In Year 6 we have been very fortunate to receive a visit from the author Mini Grey.



We also enjoyed celebrating Science Week which involved competing in a House Competition, working in groups to build the strongest boat out of paper.

In Geography, Pupils enjoyed a field trip to Bedford park where we collected data from the surrounding area and presented this data in a variety of ways.

English

For our writing, the children will be planning, drafting, writing, editing and proofreading a character description. Pupils will enhance their understanding of punctuation, spelling and grammar rules, develop their skills of reading aloud and using comprehension techniques. Our new book for Summer 1 will be *The Boy at The Back of The Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf.

How can I help at home?

Please continue to encourage your child to develop their inference skills to justify their reasons surrounding questions that arise when you are hearing them read out loud on a regular basis at home.

Maths

In Maths this term, we have focused on: Decimals. Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and Area, Perimeter and Volume. Pupils have also been introduced to an extra maths lesson per week where we have focused on problem solving based on Geometry. Aside to this, the children have had also had added Arithmetic lessons in which to increase their fluency.



How can I help at home?

Practise times tables (TTRS, rote learning, Hit the Button), Fractions and the four operations, Problem solving: at the shops - working out the relative value of products by comparing prices and weight. In the kitchen - with weighing and measuring, temperature and timings. Ask your child to work out amounts if a recipe is doubled. Making 3D shapes and nets.

Science

Pupils will be moving onto Animals including humans for their next unit in science,



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Our PD topic this half term is about relationships. The children will be learning how to make and maintain healthy relationships with their peers and how to help themselves and others when they feel upset or hurt. They will also learn strategies for keeping themselves safe online and what to do if they feel worried or upset by anything online.

History

In History, we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians. We will be focusing on the location of Ancient Egypt; where and when the Egyptians lived through looking at maps and artefacts; what was important to them and how we know about this ancient civilization. We will be studying artefacts and learn how to select information that is useful in understanding the use of hieroglyphs as a form of communication and recording.

Computing

Pupils will continue to work through Python programming for their computing unit.

Design Technology

Pupils will be working on their cam-toys project. They will start by making the frame and then shaping their 'toy' part out of styrofoam.

Performing Arts

In Music, pupils will get the opportunity to explore song writing. They will use the skills that they have gained from last year and this year to play various instruments together, creating their own chord progressions and writing their own lyrics.

In Drama, we will be looking at developing our knowledge of drama skills, looking specifically at drama conventions and characterisation skills. Pupils will be given sections of a script which they will set in groups using the skills learnt, as well as having the opportunity to create their own scenes.

Art

In Art, year 6 Artists will continue with our Water topic. Having experimented using different media and mark making techniques to create beautiful water impressions, pupils will apply these to their own versions of Monet's Waterlilies and Hokusai's Great Wave. Look at Monet's waterlily paintings online and print one out for their sketchbooks if possible.

PE

In PE, pupils will be rotating with swimming, fitness and OAA units. In games, the children will take part in striking and fielding games, as well as net/wall games such as: rounders and cricket, as

well as tennis and table tennis

French

This half term we will be focusing on using the present tense correctly in French through the topic of clothes. Pupils can practise their French on www.linguascope.com
Username: castle1 Password: newvocab

Reminders/Key dates:

Training day

17 April

May Bank Holiday

1 May

Class photos

2 May

Coronation Bank Holiday

8 May

KS2 SATs

9-12 May

Year 6 Caythorpe

17-19 May

Half term

29 May - 2 June